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EPCN202P	City and Guilds Dog Grooming - Level 2	25/02/2017	09:00	13:00	Common Leys Farm	Saturday	20	£896.00	£65.00

ART & DESIGN/CREATIVE

PCWN062P	Knitting - mixed ability	16/01/2017	14:00	16:00	Witney Campus	Monday	9	£85.00	£51.00
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PCGM184P	Drawing & Painting - beginners	26/01/2017	18:45	21:15	Grove Adult Learning	Thursday	9	£117.00	£74.60
PCRM195P	Drawing & Painting - mixed ability	30/01/2017	14:00	16:00	Chilton Village Hall	Monday	9	£94.00	£60.00
PCAN079P	Pottery - mixed ability	30/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Health Centre	Monday	8	£116.00	£86.00
PCXM169P	Stained Glass - mixed ability	30/01/2017	19:00	21:15	Cheney School	Monday	9	£115.00	£77.00
PCXM182P	Drawing & Painting - beginners	30/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Cheney School	Monday	9	£94.00	£60.00
PCRM199P	Drawing & Watercolour - beginners	30/01/2017	19:30	21:30	Didcot Civic Hall	Monday	9	£94.00	£60.00
PCRM318P	Upholstery - mixed ability	31/01/2017	10:00	15:00	Stewart Hall	Tuesday	3	£104.00	£75.60
PCAN074P	Pottery - mixed ability	31/01/2017	13:30	16:30	Abingdon Health Centre	Tuesday	8	£148.00	£103.20
PCKN168P	Sewing - for the home	31/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Tuesday	9	£85.00	£51.00
PCBN053P	Floristry - beginners	31/01/2017	19:15	21:15	Cooper School Bicester	Tuesday	5	£47.00	£28.20
PCXM202P	Drawing & Watercolour - improvers	01/02/2017	14:00	16:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Wednesday	8	£83.00	£53.00
PCRM153P	Pottery - mixed ability	01/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Berinsfield Adult Learning	Wednesday	9	£112.00	£78.00
PCXM138P	Jewellery with silver - mixed ability	01/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Cheney School	Wednesday	9	£112.00	£78.00
PCXM223P	Oil Painting - mixed ability	01/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Cheney School	Wednesday	8	£84.00	£50.40
PCRM173P	Drawing & painting - mixed ability	02/02/2017	09:30	11:30	Didcot Civic Hall	Thursday	8	£83.00	£53.00
PCAN165P	Sewing - machine embroidery	02/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Thursday	9	£85.00	£51.00
PCAN072P	Photoshop - mixed ability	02/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Thursday	9	£85.00	£51.00
PCXM271P	Web Design - beginners	02/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Thursday	9	£85.00	£51.00
PCKM165P	Stained Glass - microwave fusion - mixed ability	04/02/2017	10:00	16:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Saturday	1	£46.00	£30.00
PCKN159P	Sewing - block pattern making - bodice	04/02/2017	10:00	16:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Saturday	1	£41.00	£24.60
PCKN187P	Sewing - love your sewing machine	04/02/2017	10:00	16:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Saturday	1	£41.00	£24.60
ZCKN019P	Sugarcraft & Cake Decorating - introduction	04/02/2017	10:00	16:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Saturday	1	£47.00	£30.60
PCKM213P	Life Drawing	11/02/2017	10:00	16:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Saturday	1	£56.00	£39.60
PCAN051P	Experimental Drawing	20/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	5	£47.00	£28.20
PCRM152P	Pottery - beginners	20/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Berinsfield Adult Learning	Monday	5	£62.00	£43.20
ZCKN021P	Sugarcraft & Cake Decorating - for children	21/02/2017	11:00	13:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Tuesday	7	£73.00	£43.80
PCAM160P	Stained Glass - copper foil & lead - mixed ability	25/02/2017	10:00	17:00	Abingdon Campus	Sat & Sun	1	£108.00	£70.40
PCAN188P	Sewing - love your sewing machine	25/02/2017	10:00	16:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	1	£41.00	£24.60
PCWN157P	Sewing - dressmaking for improvers	28/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	15	£141.00	£84.60

BUSINESS

BSAM402P	ILM Certificate in coaching your team - Level 3	11/01/2017	09:30	16:00	Abingdon Campus	Wednesday	10	£359.00	N/A

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ZCXN233P	Aromatherapy & massage - introduction	28/01/2017	10:00	16:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Saturday	1	£47.00	£30.60
ZCAN219P	Complementary Therapies for wellbeing	31/01/2017	10:30	12:30	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	8	£75.00	£45.00

COOKERY

ZCKN237P	Chinese Cookery - introduction	04/02/2017	10:00	16:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Saturday	1	£47.00	£30.60
ZCKN239P	Malaysian Cookery	21/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Tuesday	6	£68.00	£45.60

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MSWN111P	Carpentry - beginners	10/01/2017	18:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	8	£204.00	N/A
PCRM282P	Plumbing - beginners	17/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Berinsfield Adult Learning	Tuesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
PCRM285P	Plumbing - improvers	19/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Berinsfield Adult Learning	Thursday	10	£104.00	£62.40

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CSAN103P	NEBDN Diploma in Dental Nursing - Level 3	09/01/2017	18:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	31	£2,235.00	N/A
CPAN101P	NCFE Certificate in Counselling Skills - Level 2	10/01/2017	18:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	22	£425.00	£10.00
XPBN502P	Introduction to Early Years Settings - Level 1 Award	18/01/2017	09:30	12:30	East Street Children's Centre	Wednesday	10	£180.00	FREE
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Teenager Courtney spreads a little extra festive cheer with gifts

Secret Santa delivers joy across the county

By Eva Astreinidou

DIDCOT'S not-so-secret Santa has once again proved that Christmas is all about giving and helping others – as well as spending hours wrapping presents.

Courtney Hughes, 18, who lives on Great Western Park, garnered the help of family and friends to amass more than 5,000 presents and then join her in a seven-hour wrapping marathon.

The Secret Santa charity started five years ago with a donation of 250 presents. But year on year the number has been growing and the appeal is reaching more sick and vulnerable people in Oxfordshire.

This year, the charity's founder Courtney and her helpers were able to wrap and donate more than 5,000 gifts after a seven-hour wrapping party with her friends, family and neighbours at the Marlborough Club, surrounded by wrapping paper, tape and ribbon.

Courtney, who works as a nursing assistant at Sobell House Hospice in Oxford, was inspired to set up the charity by her grandmother, who was in hospital for the first year of the appeal.

She said: "She loved Christmas. It was upsetting when she was in hospital for Christmas."

This year, the presents were delivered to about 10 different centres and hospitals, including Didcot Community Hospital, Ronald MacDonald House at Oxford Children's Hospital and Sobell House Hospice.

Asked about the reaction she and her helpers received, Courtney said: "It's quite emotional. A lot of people cry so you have to be prepared and know you are going to cry whether you like it or not."

> *She comes in as Santa Claus and delivers a cardboard box full of goods. . .*

Dominique Cadiou, head of fundraising and communications at Sobell House Hospice Charity, said: "A lot of our patients are bedbound and I am sure for many of them being on the ward over Christmas is not great. The donations are extremely well received and we are ever so grateful to Courtney.

"She comes in as Santa Claus and delivers a cardboard box full of goods. Our patients are always over the moon."

The gifts delivered include anything from chocolates and toiletries to presents for children.

Courtney was recognised with the St James's Palace Foundation Children of

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• Courtney Hughes with just a few of the 5,000 presents she wrapped as part of her Secret Santa campaign (Pictures courtesy of Charity Secret Santa Oxfordshire / Facebook)

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Passengers injured after airport coach overturns

By George Welch

SEVENTEEN people were injured when a coach veered off a motorway slip road and overturned in heavy fog on the M40.

The Oxford Bus Company coach came off the M40 northbound slip road at junction seven near Thame at 2.45am on December 30.

South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS), which declared the crash as a 'major incident' due to the number of people involved, said a variety of injuries were suffered, including cuts, bruises and broken bones.

Four fire engines from across the Thames Valley attended, including a specialist rescue vehicle from Kidlington.

When the emergency services arrived, they found the coach had overturned and was halfway down a bank.

Trauma-trained firefighters treated the injured before handing over to ambulance crew.

The driver and all 16 passengers were all taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headington.

The bus was returning to Oxford from Heathrow airport at the time of the crash. The slip road was closed for several hours for recovery work.

Phil Southall, managing director of Oxford Bus Company, said: "We are thankful that there were no serious injuries, and we have been advised that injuries incurred were a spinal injury, a broken collar bone, minor head injuries and cuts and bruises.

"Our thoughts are with those who have been injured."

Mr Southall said the 54-year-old driver was "very experienced", had worked overnight shifts for a number of years and had worked for the company for 20 years.

A full investigation has been started but Mr Southall said it is "too early" to speculate on the cause of the crash.

The fire crews worked with police officers and specialist response teams from SCAS and employed thermal imaging cameras, image intensifying lenses, remote cameras and audible searches to try to locate any missing passengers.

Incident commander, group manager Kerry Blair said: "It was very cold and foggy at the time of the incident and emergency service staff assisted by the Highways Agency worked extremely hard to quickly and safely rescue all casualties and ensure they were transported to hospital without delay."

• Firefighters at the scene of the coach crash on the northbound slip road at junction 7 of the M40 near Thame

News Bites

Barnaby inquest

THAME: The inquest for a four-year-old boy who died after being struck by a car in Thame last month was set to open today.

Barnaby Cork was hit by a car outside Thame Leisure Centre, in Oxford Road shortly before 10.30am on December 10.

The driver stopped at the scene and emergency services were called but Barnaby died on the way to hospital.

A JustGiving page has so far raised £27,723 for Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Wood blaze

OXFORD: Wood left too close to a woodburner caused a blaze at a Wolvercote home.

Three fire crews attended to extinguish the fire at 4pm on December 27.

The house was unoccupied but a smoke alarm alerted a neighbour who phoned 999.

Witness appeal

OXFORD: Police are appealing for witnesses to a fight at a hotel after a man lost a tooth and was left needing stitches after his ear was bitten.

Officers were called to the Ramada Hotel in Thames Road, Waterstock, at 3am on December 22. The 30 year-old victim was taken to the John Radcliffe hospital in Oxford.

A 38-year-old man from Chorley, Lancashire, was arrested and released on bail until February 2.

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Retired racehorse rescued from a deep muddy ditch

A FORMER racehorse was rescued by firefighters after slipping into deep mud in a ditch in South Newington.

The aptly-named 'Tight Squeeze', a retired 18-year-old racehorse, was stranded in a deeply banked, extremely muddy 'swamp like' ditch, and was suffering from extreme fatigue and cold on New Year's Eve.

Crews from Banbury and Hook Norton fire stations and a specialist animal rescue team from Kidlington were sent to save the horse, which had been stranded for a number of hours near Wiggington Road at 10.20am.

Working closely with a vet, the rescue teams used slings and harnesses to secure the animal and prevent her from slipping further into the ditch.

After a number of attempts to persuade her out under her own steam failed, the rescue became more complex after she sank further into the mud and into a state of unconsciousness.

But in one last attempt to drag the horse from the ditch before crews sedated her to use a tractor to lift her clear, Tight Squeeze roused herself and, with all the firefighters on the rescue slings pulling her away from the ditch, she was dragged to safety.

After five minutes the motionless racehorse, who had been stranded for so long, slowly raised herself and stumbled on to her feet.

Station manager Brian Butler, who attended the incident, said: "Tight Squeeze is an extremely courageous old lady who will be celebrating 2017 like the rest of us. The crews worked extremely hard and professionally to conclude what was a complex and dramatic rescue."

Didcot volunteer recognised on New Year's Honours List

By Eva Astreinidou

A RAIL enthusiast started the new year with a bang when she was honoured by the Queen for her services to railway heritage.

Didcot Railway Centre volunteer Viv Cooper joined the Great Western Society 53 years ago and has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year's Honours List.

Soon after she started, Viv became involved with administration and cleaning of locomotives, as well as promoting the society at open days.

Didcot Railway Centre, the home of the Great Western Society, houses a unique collection of Great Western steam engines, coaches, wagons and buildings.

Viv has produced newsletters for members for 40 years, and liaised with British Railways for open days and filmings.

Her home telephone number was the society's main point of contact for many years.

Speaking of her time as a volunteer, she said: "It has been very enjoyable and satisfying. I have met a lot of good people who all work towards the same goals. I will continue to volunteer for as long as I can."

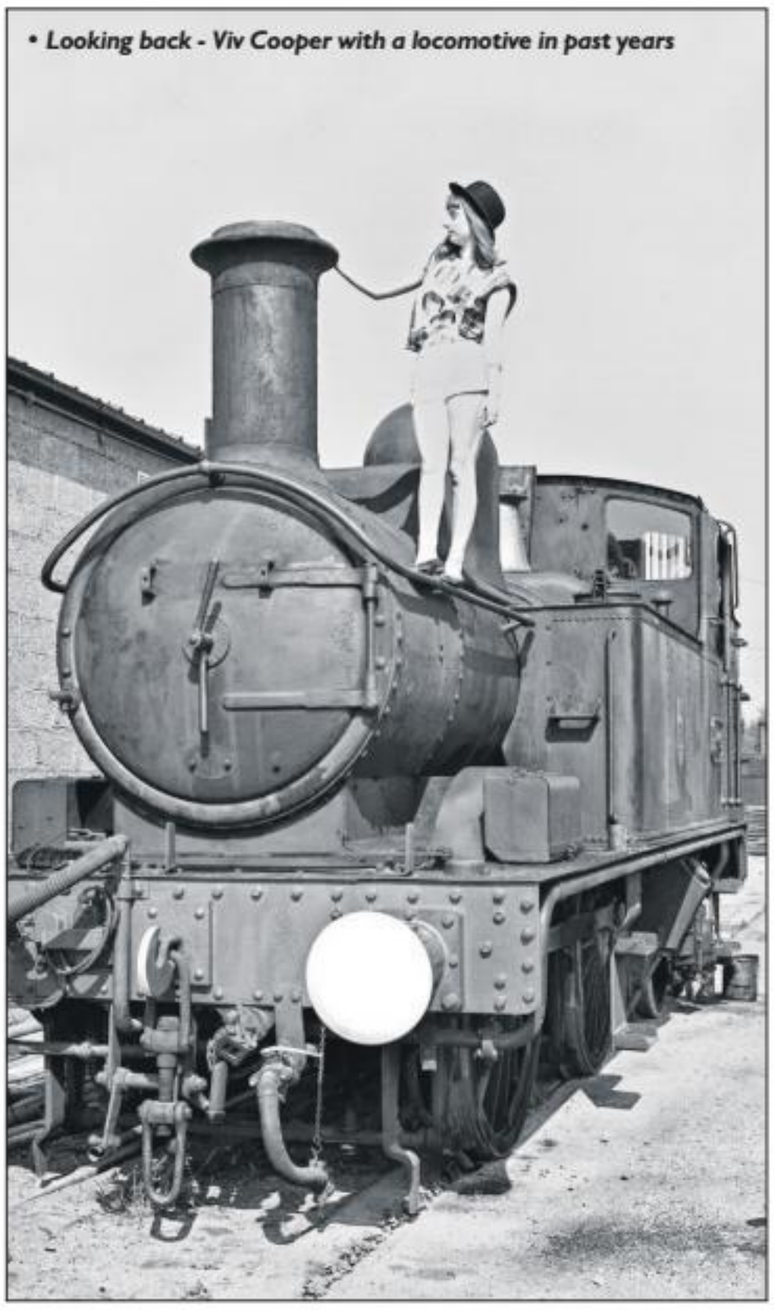
She said: "[The award] was a surprise. I had no idea until I received the official letter."

Viv accepted the BEM on behalf of all the volunteers and will be awarded the accolade by the Lord Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire, James Puxley.

In total, more than 70% of awards in the New Year's Honours List will go to people who undertake outstanding work in or for their local community.

This year, women made up more than half of the total recipients for the New Year's Honours.

• *Looking back - Viv Cooper with a locomotive in past years*



• *Viv Cooper has been honoured for her services to railway heritage*

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Car theft appeal

HARWELL: Police are appealing for information after a Land Rover Defender was stolen from the Harwell area on December 30.

The green vehicle has a white roof, a roof box and its registration is DU06 HDA.

If you have any information regarding the theft, contact Thames Valley Police on 101.

Cyclist sought

DIDCOT: British Transport Police have released an image of a man they wish to speak to after a commuter was threatened at Didcot Parkway.

At 8.35am on December 15, the 60-year-old victim was walking to the station when he narrowly avoided being knocked over by a cyclist at speed. He approached the cyclist in the station to talk to him about the speed at which he had been cycling.

But the cyclist became very aggressive and, coming within millimetres of the victim's face, threatened him.

The victim dialled 999 and was so shaken he was unable to travel that day. Contact 0800 40 50 40 or text 61016 quoting reference 95 of 28 December.

Courtney has won praise

• *From front page*

Courage Award at the Midlands Children of Courage Awards in October.

She was nominated for the award by the team at SSNAP, a charity that supports sick and premature babies in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit, based at the maternity hospital at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

She has also been awarded a British Citizen Award for her efforts, and was shortlisted for the Didcot Business and Community Awards in 2016.

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Councils target fraudulent use of Blue Badge scheme

By George Welch

MOTORISTS using somebody else's Blue Badge to use disabled parking bays are being targeted in a new crackdown by Oxfordshire County Council.

There are currently just over 22,500 Blue Badge holders across Oxfordshire.

During December and January, the county council, which administers the Blue Badge scheme, is working with Oxford City Council to carry out anti-fraud and investigative work across the county.

Motorists who misuse the system are committing a criminal offence, which can lead to a £1,000 fine, confiscation of the badge and a criminal record.

Councillor Nick Carter, cabinet member for business and customer services, said: "Illegally using a Blue Badge is not a victimless crime.

"For disabled people, Blue Badges are a vital lifeline that helps them maintain their independence and get out and about.

"It's really important to us and to genuine Blue Badge holders that people don't misuse the scheme and take up spaces needed by someone with genuine mobility problems.

"It's extremely inconsiderate and in some cases can make the difference between someone being able to get out and be independent and just turning round and going home."

Cllr Ed Turner, the city council's deputy leader and board member for finance, asset management and public health, urged people not to risk a criminal conviction.

He said: "Abusing a Blue Badge is a crime pure and simple.

"Some people may be tempted to use someone else's genuine badge to run errands for them. They incorrectly think that what they are doing is not fraud, but it's still a criminal offence.

"Fraudulent use of Blue Badges stops genuine users being able to access parking when and where they need it most as well as being a significant loss in revenue to public parking providers.

"So the message is, if you're thinking of misusing a Blue Badge, please think again – you may deprive a genuine Blue Badge holder of a space needed, and risk a criminal conviction."

Anyone who suspects that a Blue Badge is being misused can report concerns at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/bluebadge

• *The scene of the blaze at the home in Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew*

Householders shocked to come back from night-out to find home on fire

HOMEOWNERS in a north Oxfordshire village returned from an evening out to find their house on fire last week.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service said the fire at the home in Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew, at 10pm on Thursday last week started in a garage and was spreading towards the house.

But after neighbours alerted the emergency services, fire crews prevented further damage. At the height of the blaze, fire engines from Deddington, Banbury, Charlbury and Woodstock attended the incident, supported by the incident support unit from Eynsham.

Ambulance crew, police officers and highways personnel also attended.

Initial thoughts suggested that the owners could still be inside but this turned out not to be the case, the fire service said.

Crews wore breathing apparatus and used high-pressure hose lines to prevent further damage caused by moderate fire and smoke damage.

The cause of the fire has not yet been confirmed but it is believed to have been accidental.

An investigation is currently on-going by specialist fire investigation officers from Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service.

News Bites

Condolences

WITNEY: In the wake of the deadly terrorist attack on the Berlin Christmas market, Witney Town Council issued a message of condolence from the Mayor of Witney to Wolfgang Panzer, Burgermeister of twin town Unterhaching in Bavaria.

Mayor Chris Holliday said: "On behalf of the people of Witney, I would like to offer our sincere condolences to the people of Berlin, Unterhaching and all of Germany... the horror of the attack touches us all."

A dozen people were killed when Anis Amri, a Tunisian citizen who claimed allegiance to the Islamic State, drove a truck into the market.

The full letter from Cllr Holliday can be seen at http://tinyurl.com/zxlh78x

Police warning

OXON: Police have warned Oxfordshire residents not to leave their vehicles unattended when defrosting them.

A police spokesman said: "With the recent drop in temperatures, we have already taken reports of this kind of theft in the area.

"Please don't take the risk; spend a few pence on an ice scraper or a canister of de-icer to ensure your windows are clear before you start your journey."

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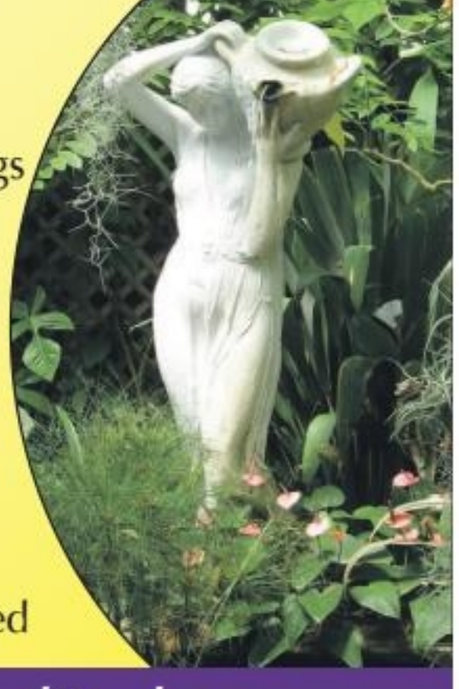
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Husband and wife take on challenge of trans-Atlantic race

• John and Hilary Edwards have just completed an 18-day voyage

By George Welch

A HUSBAND and wife from Oxford have completed a trans-Atlantic yacht race after more than two weeks of thrilling ocean racing.

John and Hilary Edwards, both 50 from Oxford, crossed the finish line of the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC) in St Lucia after an 18-day voyage from the Canary Islands last month.

Part of a 12-member amateur crew to sign up with Southampton-based sailing instructors First Class Sailing, the pair helped their Challenger 72 yacht to 52nd place overall and sixth in class in the 2,700-mile ARC despite their relative inexperience.

The driving force behind the couple's participation, Hilary was exhilarated to have ticked off a long-term ambition.

She said: "It was a great experience and I would do it all over again.

"I liked the competition aspect which made life more exciting but also the calmness of being out on the ocean alone, uncontactable and without another boat in sight.

"Everyone jelled really well and helped each other out. I was so pleased that we did it."

John, a retired financial sector entrepreneur, was convinced to take part by Hilary. He said: "Some of the highlights included the incredible night skies in the mid-Atlantic and dolphins swimming with the front of the boat as well as birds miles and miles out to sea.

"I remember the feeling as we saw the glow of the very first lights in the distance as we neared land.

"Vegetation floating on the sea as we approached landfall also evoked thoughts of those very first explorers who sailed the ocean not knowing if they would fall off the edge of the world or hit land."

Skippered by sailor Ricky Chalmers, their vessel was one of more than 200 to take part in the race.

Tourism increase spend a big boost to jobs

TOURISM supported 33,447 jobs across the county in 2015, according to new figures.

Experience Oxfordshire found there was a 4.2 per cent rise in industries related to the tourism trade, meaning the county's "tourism sector continues to thrive".

Hotels benefited from a 5 per cent increase in overnight stays and the county benefited from a 4.1 per cent increase in the value of overnight stays.

Domestic visits to Oxfordshire remained unchanged between 2014 and 2015, which mirrored the national trend, but spend still increased.

As a result of the increase in international trips, overnight stays from international visitors reached 0.6 million, with an average spend of £27 million per month in the local economy. The total spend for overseas and domestic visitors was £1.54bn.

Experience Oxfordshire chief executive Hayley Beer-Gamage said: "These are a really positive set of results and we are delighted to see 5 per cent growth in value.

"We remain committed to working hard to grow and develop Oxfordshire's visitor economy and will continue to monitor trends year on year to see how the county's tourism sector continues to thrive; it provides real promise for the coming years."

Try going dry this month for a heathy start to year

OXFORDSHIRE County Council is urging people across the county to wave goodbye to booze and join the millions going dry this month.

Dry January is an annual behavioural change campaign by Alcohol Concern, a national charity working to reduce alcohol-related problems, which encourages people to give up alcohol for the month.

According to YouGov, one in six people in the UK attempted a Dry January in 2016 and Alcohol Concern said 79 per cent of participants save money and 49 per cent lose weight.

To help staff learn more about the benefits of giving up alcohol for a month, Alcohol Concern visited Oxford and Banbury to serve up some delicious alternatives, including sham-pagne and mocktails and to dish out tips on the health and wealth benefits.

Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles, OCC's cabinet member for public health, said: "Dry January isn't about trying to convince people to give up drinking for good, it's about trying to make people reassess their relationship with alcohol and remind them of the positive impacts such as weight loss, saving money, and overall improved health and wellbeing."

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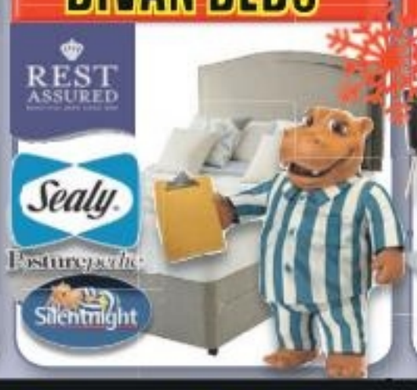

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£800,000 to fight homeless battle

By George Welch

OXFORDSHIRE has been chosen as part of a new trial to prevent homelessness and will receive nearly £800,000 in funding from the Government.

The county is one of 28 areas across the country getting money as part of a £50m programme aimed at preventing people from becoming homeless in the first place.

Oxfordshire's city and district councils have won £790,000 to help vulnerable single adults under the age of 35, and households at risk of homelessness.

The main purpose of the grant is to bring agencies together in a bid to better identify, understand and reach those at risk of homelessness as far ahead of crisis points as possible.

The joint bid from the councils, led by Oxford City Council, will see funding split over 2017/18 and 2018/19 (£395,000 each year).

Mike Rowley, housing portfolio holder for Oxford City Council, said: "I am delighted by this additional funding.

"It will give a boost to all the hard work being undertaken across Oxfordshire to prevent homelessness, and fund new approaches to prevent the homelessness of some of our most vulnerable people, at the earliest possible opportunity before any crisis."

• Oxfordshire has received £790,000 to help those under 35 who are homeless in the county

The city council added that it would maintain its £1.4m of funding to the city's homelessness charities.

Prime Minister Theresa May said: "As we make this a country that works for everyone, not just the privileged few – we need to look at why people are on the streets, what has gone wrong in their lives and how we can best help them.

"We need to put prevention first and find solutions for families and individuals before they end up sleeping rough.

"Oxfordshire is a great example of an area taking this approach forward.

"Their new network of prevention outreach workers will work with mental health providers to help those at risk of homelessness and their resilience hub will provide advice to those who need it most.

"All of this will help prevent homelessness – not just for one night – but for good."

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid said: "Homelessness is less than half the 2003 peak, but we know that one person without a home is one too many.

"That's why we're changing the way we tackle homelessness and supporting ambitious programmes, such as those developed by Oxfordshire councils."

Councillor Elaine Ware, cabinet member for housing at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "We are working very hard to address homeless in Oxfordshire so this additional funding will make a big difference."

On the crest of a wave thanks to fundraiser

• Abigail Smith (lead duty manager at Didcot Leisure Centre), Colin Williams (community sports manager at South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse) and front, Pauline Hogan (duty manager at Didcot Leisure Centre)

A LEISURE centre's Christmas bake sale has raised hundreds of pounds for a charity close to staff at the facility.

Staff and members of Better's Didcot Wave leisure centre on Newlands Avenue enjoyed a selection of tasty baked goods at a fundraising event last month and raised more than £700 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) in the process.

The event aimed to raise awareness about the MNDA and the work it does within the local Oxfordshire community. One generous Didcot resident donated £250.

The sale was particularly poignant for duty manager Pauline Hogan, who lost her mother to the disease last year and was behind the initiative.

Colin Williams, community sports manager for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse said: "All staff at the Didcot Wave and Didcot Leisure Centre are extremely proud of Pauline's efforts, she raised a significant amount for the charity in a single day as well as raising awareness of the disease amongst the local community."

News Bites

Phone theft

OXFORD: A 20-year-old man was pushed over and punched twice as he was robbed outside the Randolph Hotel.

At around 1am on December 17 the victim was approached by a man who asked for the time when walking along Beaumont Street near the hotel.

The robber snatched the black iPhone 7plus and its tan leather case from the victim's hand, before pushing him to the ground and punching him twice.

Police said the offender is a white man around 23 years old, of medium build, around 5ft 5ins tall with light blonde hair which was short on the side and long on the top.

Contact police on 101.

Council staff axed

OXON: Nearly 100 staff at Oxfordshire County Council were sacked just days before Christmas.

A total of 90 staff were told just three days before Christmas they would lose their jobs next month.

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The council is attempting to claw back £377m over a 10-year period until 2020.

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New SCAS chair

OXON: South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) has appointed a new chairwoman.

The Council of Governors (CoG) appointed Lena Samuels to the post last month. Her role will combine the chairing of both the Board of Directors and the CoG.

She will take up the £40,000 a year post on April 1 for an initial period of three years and took on a non-executive director role on January 1.

Lena has previously held posts with the Isle of Wight NHS Trust and University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust.

Lena said: "I am looking forward to taking up this important role, moving SCAS forward to meet the new challenges and opportunities for the future."

90 face losing job

BANBURY: 90 workers are facing losing their jobs as a civil engineering company with offices in north Oxfordshire was placed in administration.

Moulding Contracts Limited was placed into administration on December 16. The firm, which has a base at Rainsborough Barns near Banbury, failed to find a buyer and additional funding support has not been successful.

The family-run plant hire company was formed in 1950.

More encouraged to get fit in their golden years

By George Welch

SOUTH Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are helping those aged over 60 living in rural communities to be more active.

GO Active Gold is to provide more exercise-related fun in 2017 after a successful 2016, which saw more than 1,000 residents from 20 different communities take part in over 70 GO Active Gold activities.

Twenty-six new villages are already signed up to host activities, such as walking, jogging table tennis and walking football, next year.

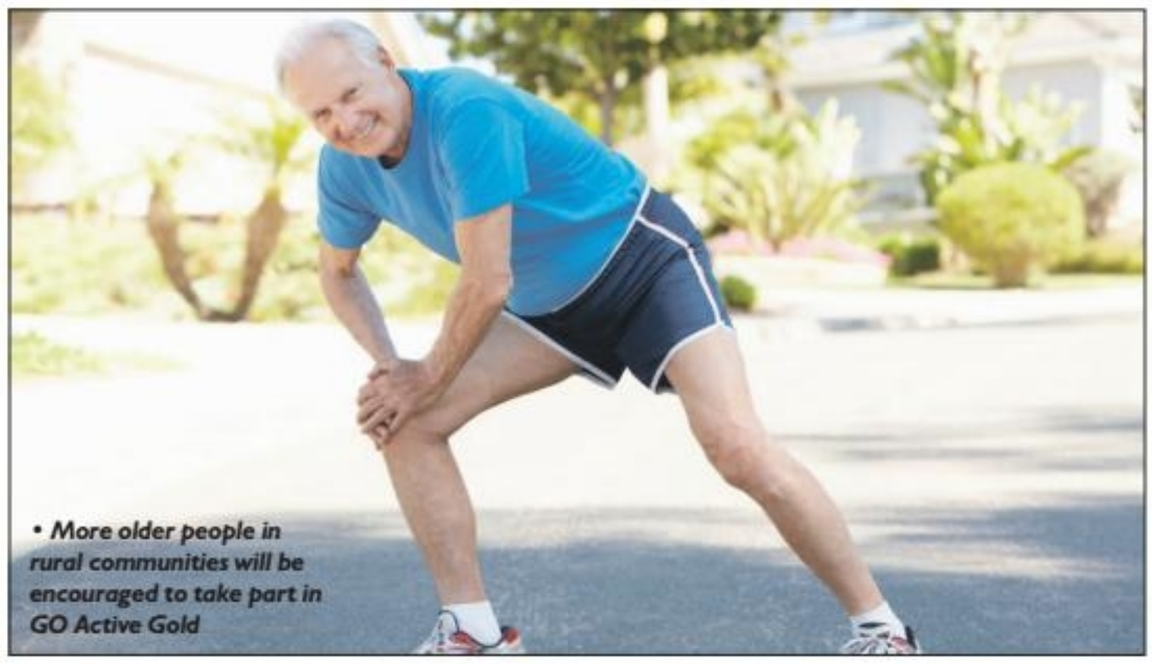
The councils were awarded £227,269 by Sport England for the three-year project which runs until 2019.

People can find out what GO Active Gold could offer their rural community by coming along to a free taster session, including a presentation from GO Active Gold staff, two taster activities, a functional fitness MOT and refreshments.

Cllr Charlotte Dickson, cabinet member for leisure at the Vale, said: "This is great news for many people across our rural communities. GO Active Gold has been a fantastic success so far and in 2017 will reach even more people, providing local activities for everyone over 60."

Cllr Anna Badcock, cabinet member for leisure at SODC, said: "GO Active Gold activities have benefited so many people, helping them to get more active, make new friends and feel a greater part of their community.

"To find out what's on offer for 2017 in your area make sure you sign up for one of our taster sessions."



• *More older people in rural communities will be encouraged to take part in GO Active Gold*

The free taster sessions run from this month and into February. They run on:

- Wednesday January 18 – East Hagbourne Pavilion – 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Thursday January 19 – Stanford in the Vale Village Hall – 10am to 12.30pm
- Monday January 23 – Abbey Sports Centre – 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Wednesday January 25 – Harwell Village Hall – 12.30pm to 3.30pm
- Thursday January 26 – Wootton Community Centre – 12.30pm to 3pm
- Monday January 30– Bix and Assendon, at Bix Manor–10am to midday
- Wednesday February 1 – Horspath Village Hall – 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Thursday February 2 – Rotherfield Peppard Sports Pavilion –10am to midday

Take a bite out of exercise

AN eight-week activity challenge has been launched to entice more Oxfordshire people to exercise daily.

Run by Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity (OxSPA), the Active Lunch Challenge, which was launched yesterday and runs until February 28, is urging people to participate in daily 10-minute 'bite size' chunks of exercise.

The aim is get as many people engaged in physical activity in and around their working day to maintain a healthy lifestyle through fun activities such as office aerobics and company-wide congas.

An estimated 40 per cent of people do not exercise enough, according to Public Health England, and research shows that time is the biggest barrier to sport and activity.

Jenny Willson, physical activity manager for Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity, said: "It's so important more people introduce physical activity into and around their working day, but the perception for many is that it's just too difficult achieve.

"We want local people to get away from their desks, get off the shop floor and get out of the factory – it doesn't matter what they do, the most important thing is that they take steps to change their normal routine by introducing some form of physical activity."

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The cubs were exactly seven months old on Christmas Day.

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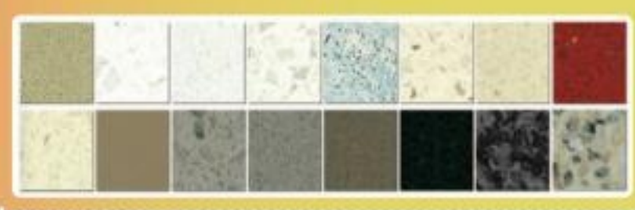

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Banbury masterplan adopted

By Samantha McGregor

A BLUEPRINT setting out the future of Banbury has been formally adopted by Cherwell District Council.

Called Banbury Vision and Masterplan, the plan has been adopted as a supplementary planning document, which means it must be taken into consideration as the town is developed.

The masterplan sets out the long-term vision to help strengthen Banbury's economy and make it a more vibrant and attractive town.

It takes into account areas that need investment including highways work to improve traffic congestion problems at the motorway junction and in the town centre, as well as investment in apprenticeships, training and education.

Cllr Colin Clarke, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "One of the Masterplan's overriding aims is to ensure that as new developments emerge, they work together to enhance Banbury's identity and its position in the wider region.

"Key features of our vision include preserving Banbury's historic centre, strengthening and broadening its economy, and promoting the town's cultural heritage, its environment and education.

"We want the planning process to continue to work alongside initiatives to promote opportunities for local people, reduce congestion and promote the connection of the town's distinctive green spaces."

The plan looks to provide a "north-south green lung" between Spiceball Park and the canal to link with the town centre and create more public spaces.

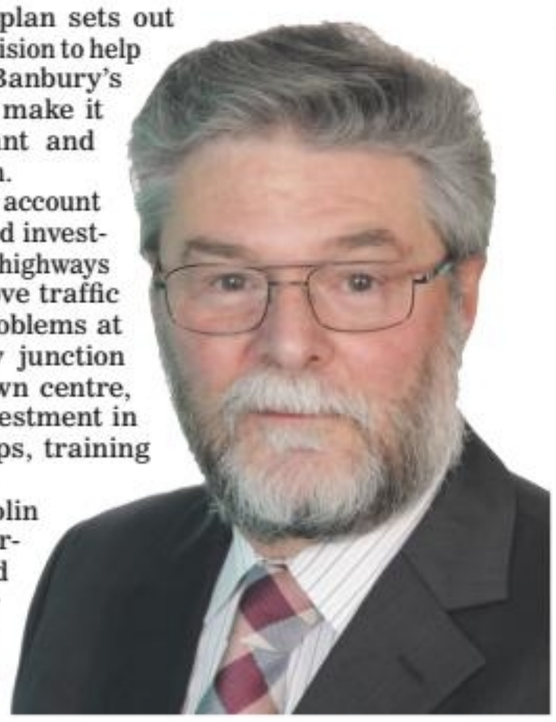
The gateways into the town should be improved and better cycling and walking routes, the masterplan says.

It also identifies areas across the town on which regeneration should be focussed. These include Cherwell Street, the Canalside and Spiceball development areas, the Swan Industrial Estate, the Bolton Road development area, the area around St Mary's Church and Calthorpe Street.

Part of the masterplan is to "deliver a vibrant and attractive town centre" and measures set out include providing new leisure, cultural, retail and social opportunities, opening up vacant shops for temporary uses and promoting activities and events in the town centre.

Work on the Banbury Vision and Masterplan began in 2012. It has been developed through public consultation and meetings with key stakeholders.

• A masterplan for Kidlington, which aims to retain the village's landscape and heritage and enhance the canal's recreation corridor, has also been adopted by the district council.



• Cherwell council's lead member for planning Colin Clarke

News Bites

Santa gives boost to Megan appeal

THAME: Round Tablers teamed up with Santa and his sleigh to help raise more than £160 towards the Megan's Bench appeal.

The Round Tablers and volunteers held a lucky dip at Thame market just before Christmas.

Megan Biddle, a former pupil at the town's Lord Williams's School, died in 2015 at the age of 18 after accidentally taking too many migraine tablets.

Shoppers urged to make use of free parking offer

CHERWELL residents are being reminded parking in council-run car parks is free after 3pm during January.

The car parks in Banbury and Bicester are offering free parking in a bid to entice people into town to support independent traders.

Cllr George Reynolds, Cherwell's deputy leader, said: "After the burst of sales in the lead-up to Christmas, January can be a quiet time for the traders so we want to lend our support by offering an incentive to encourage people into town.

"By offering free parking after 3pm we can benefit the retail shops as well as evening businesses such as restaurants and pubs. By coming into town in the afternoon, people can park for free while they do some shopping and carry on into the evening with a bite to eat or trip to the cinema."

Car parking charges currently apply in Cherwell's Banbury and Bicester car parks between 8am and 7pm.

Normal parking charges will apply between 8am and 3pm and all car parks will remain subject to usual time restrictions.

There is no charge to park in Kidlington car parks as these are covered by a covenant.

• Cllr George Reynolds

News Bites

Assault appeal

BANBURY: Police have released CCTV of an assault in Banbury on Wednesday, November 2.

They want to speak to two men, pictured, after a 21-year-old man was punched in the face and chased through the Castle Quay shopping centre.

When they reached the doors to the centre, the victim was pushed into them with such force that a glass door broke.

The incident happened at 4.45pm.

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Nominations plea to recognise work of unsung heroes

By Samantha McGregor

BANBURY'S mayor Gordon Ross is urging people to nominate for recognition volunteers who work tirelessly devoting their lives to helping others.

Cllr Ross is continuing an annual award scheme that recognises groups and individuals who make Banbury a better place in which to live.

He is looking for charities, clubs, or groups that do good work – and for people who give their time to benefit the community.

Cllr Ross wants nominations for the 2016 Community Organisation of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Young Volunteer of the Year.

He said: "Local clubs and organisations could not exist without volunteers who freely and tirelessly work to help those in need.

Often the work they do goes unrewarded.

"I would like residents to nominate men, women and young people (under 25) who give their time to help charities, clubs or organisations so that they can be thanked for their efforts.

"Similarly, I'm asking people to nominate organisations that make a huge difference to the Banbury community and would like that group to be recognised and thanked for the work it does."

The charity of the year should be a Banbury-based organisation that has served the residents and community of the town over a number of years.

The volunteer of the year should be someone who has shown dedication and enthusiasm for volunteering, has inspired others and over many years has improved the lives of others in the community.

The young volunteer of the year will be someone aged under 25 who has shown exceptional commitment to an unpaid activity, taken responsibility, shown successful results and has a 'can-do' attitude.

Nominations can be made by email to Banbury Town Council via info@banbury.gov.uk giving your reasons for the nomination in 50 to 100 words – or by calling 01295 250340 for proposal forms.

The closing date for nominations is Friday, February 10. The Volunteer Awards evening will be held at the town hall on Friday, February 17.

• *Banbury mayor Gordon Ross is urging nominations for "devoted volunteers"*

Online fitness campaign launched

AS the New Year begins, Cherwell District Council has launched an online Get Fit for Free campaign to help residents.

Members of the council's sport and recreation team have produced 31 different exercise videos which will be uploaded to the council's Facebook and Twitter accounts each day in January.

The videos will demonstrate a choice of exercises which can be undertaken at home or work.

Cllr George Reynolds, Cherwell's deputy leader, said: "Getting fit and healthy is one of the most common New Year's resolutions but we know that not everyone has the time, money or confidence to join a gym.

"We don't want any of those issues to obstruct people on the path to fitness so we have produced a series of short exercise videos that people can do as and when they have the time.

"Every day Naomi and Tom from the sport and recreation team will demonstrate a new exercise to tone, lift or strengthen a different part of the body whilst improving overall fitness.

"As people improve, they can increase the rate or number of repetitions and put the exercises back to back to create an all-over workout that can be done at a time and place to suit them without the cost or constraints of a gym."

To watch the get-fit videos, view facebook.com/cherwelldistrict-council.

News Bites

BMW stolen

THAME: Police are appealing for information after a BMW M3 was stolen from the Travelodge car park in Thame, on December 29 at about 3.40pm.

The vehicle was Melbourne red with the registration AX08FWB. The thief was described as an Asian man, bald headed with a slight black beard, and 5ft 6in tall.

Call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 if you can help.

Village plan backed

N OXON: A neighbourhood plan for Bloxham has been adopted by Cherwell District Council, giving villagers more influence over future development.

Cllr Colin Clarke, lead member for planning, said: "The Neighbourhood Plan for Bloxham was written by the residents for the village, and with this adoption by Cherwell, it will now help protect the village's heritage, while helping to shape the kinds of development that they want to see."

Club attack appeal

BANBURY: Police are appealing for witnesses after a 20-year-old woman was assaulted on the dancefloor of the Moo Moo club, in High Street, on December 27, at about 1.45am.

She lost a tooth and suffered cuts to her mouth which needed hospital treatment.

The offender is described as a white female, with blonde hair and an eyebrow piercing. Call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

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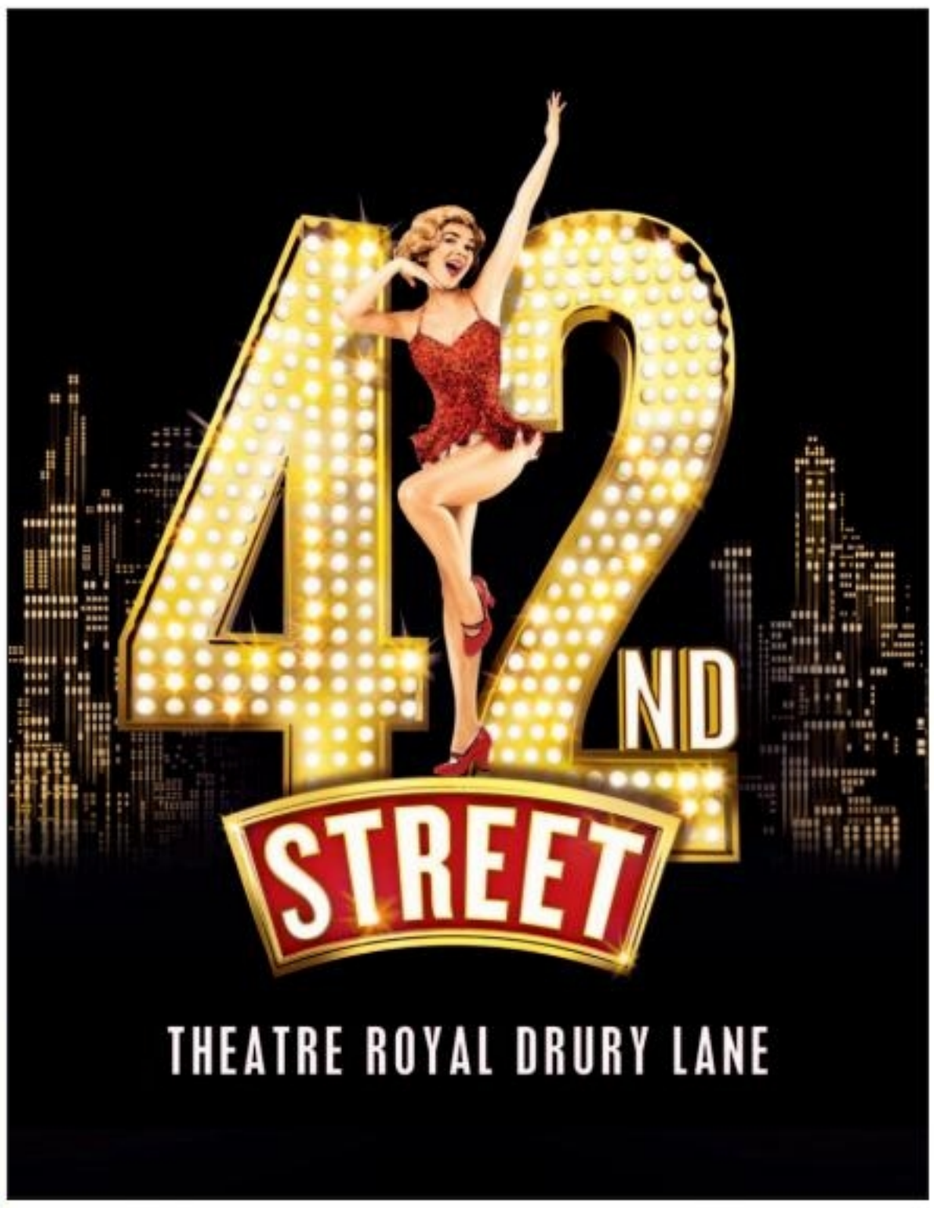

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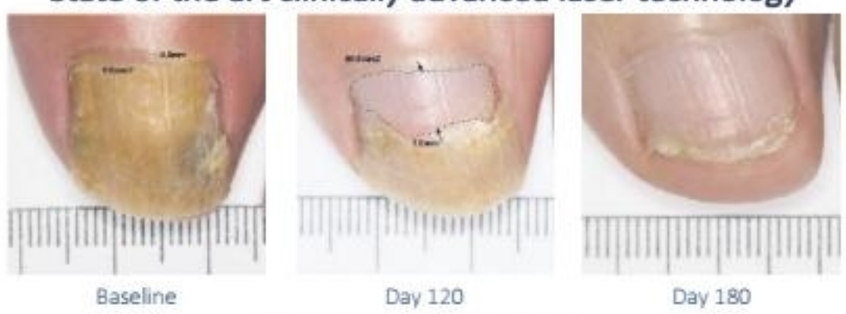

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Meeting Mandy was spellbinding

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A Slimming World Consultant from Witney has got the magic touch when it comes to weight loss this New Year, according to TV presenter Stephen Mulhern.

Mandy Widdows, who runs a Slimming World group at Stow Primary School, Stow On The Wold every Monday and Lower Town Hall, Chipping Norton every Tuesday, was delighted to get a chance to cuddle up to Stephen when he presented the annual Slimming World Awards. He co-hosted the event with the organisation's founder and chair Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.

Mandy said meeting Stephen was a wonderful way to round off a great 12 months for the Stow On The Wold Slimming World group, as well as a brilliant way to get ready for another successful year: "I couldn't be prouder of the members of the Stow On The Wold group. They've lost fantastic amounts of weight throughout 2016, with many of them making their weight loss dreams come true by hitting their target weight, improving their health and confidence, and more.

"It's so rewarding to see people being able to do things that they didn't think possible before losing weight, whether that's having more energy and confidence, wearing smaller clothes, taking up new hobbies, reducing medication or doing more with their family and friends. Every week I feel so lucky to play even a small part in people's achievements and I felt very honoured to represent the Stow On The Wold Slimming World group when I met Stephen. He was bowled over by the difference Slimming World makes to people and how it changes their lives, so meeting him has re-inspired me and now I feel super motivated to support even more people in Witney to lead healthier, happier lives in 2017."

Stephen, who presents Catchphrase, Britain's Got More Talent and Big Star's Little Stars, said he was thrilled to meet Mandy at the event, which was held at Birmingham's International Convention Centre.

He added: "I'm known for my magic tricks and there was definitely magic in the air at the Slimming World Awards. The stories I heard from people who had lost amazing amounts of weight and transformed themselves – inside and out – were so inspirational.

So many slimmers talked about how their weight loss has allowed them to start really living and be the people that they always dreamed of being – doing things they previously thought they couldn't, from running for miles to playing with their children and grandchildren.

"While all of their stories were different, the one thing they all had in common was how much they felt they owed to their 'Slimming World family'. Every one of them spoke passionately about how they felt that they couldn't have achieved everything they had or made the changes they have to eat more healthily and become more active without the support, advice and encouragement of their group each and every week. So people like Mandy are clearly very important."

Mandy says 2016 has been a big year for Slimming World, with the organisation welcoming hundreds of thousands of members and winning awards for both its food range and Slimming World magazine, and hopes 2017 will be just as successful.

"Lots of people will be making resolutions to lose weight and improve their health this New Year. I truly believe that joining a local Slimming World group is the best way for people to lose weight and learn new habits. Thanks to our Food Optimising eating plan they'll see big results on the scales without ever having to feel hungry or deprived, and at the Stow On The Wold group they'll discover a whole world of support and advice that's sure to help them reach their targets – and have a lot of fun along the way, too! I'd love anyone who's thinking about losing weight this January to join us at Stow Primary School, Stow On The Wold every Monday and Lower Town Hall, Chipping Norton every Tuesday."

To *live happy* with Slimming World in 2017 call Mandy on 01608 641923 or visit **www.slimmingworld.co.uk** to find your nearest group.

Picture caption: Slimming World Consultant Mandy Widdows meets TV presenter Stephen Mulhern.

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

4 Allow (6)
8 Transporter (7)
9 List of things to be done (6)
10 Afflict (9)
11 Halt (4)
13 Spirited horse (5)
14 Long loose overcoats (7)
16 Discourse (7)
18 Live piece of coal (5)
19 Crude metals (4)
21 Office of foreign power (9)
22 Crown (6)
23 Brown coal (7)
24 Settle comfortably (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Geographical dictionary (9)
2 Expectations (9)
3 Blood-sucker (5)
5 Brink (4)
6 Small space of time (6)
7 Vagrants (6)
9 Coral island (5)
11 Pep pill (9)
12 Determine one's position (9)
15 Besom (5)
16 Capital city (6)
17 Conifers (6)
20 On the move (5)
21 Monk's room (4)

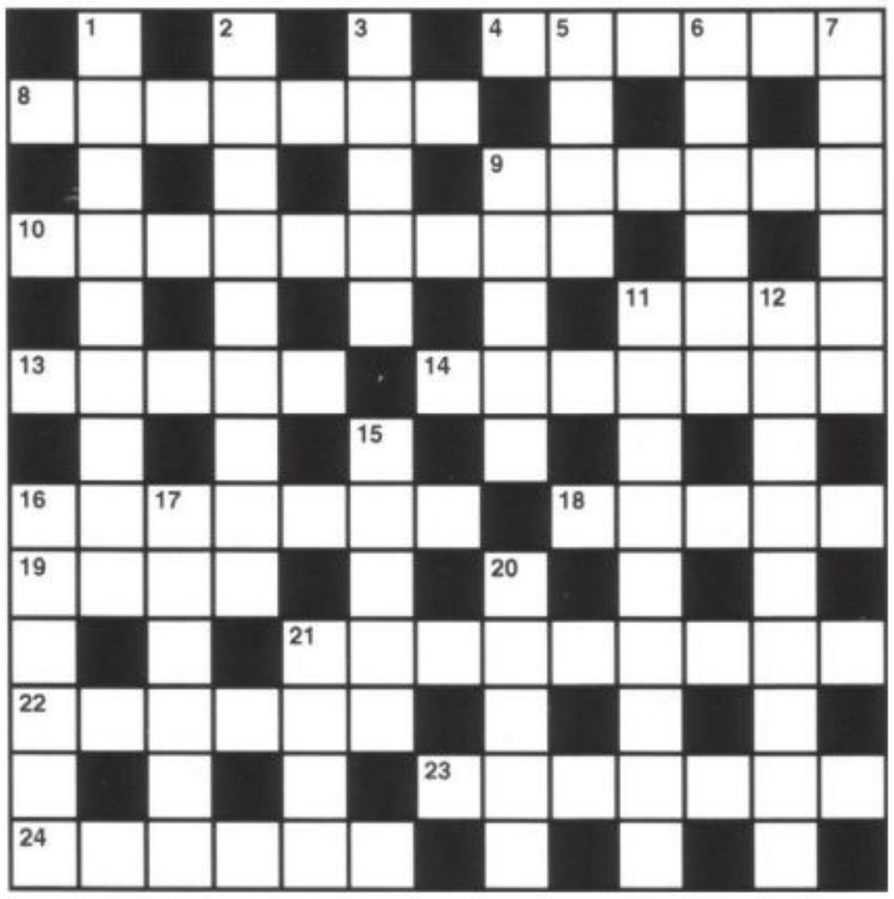
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 Separate after the beginning of French leave? (6)
8 Ostentatious to mop up spilt soup (7)
9 Let man change in the mind (6)
10 Dramatic desire for city transport (6-3)
11 Was once a vegetable, it's said (4)
13 The old Englishman could be right (5)
14 Their work is certainly a grind (7)
16 Eaten up as ten different titbits (7)
18 A Spanish hero's likely to be sharp (5)
19 Produce a change of diet (4)
21 She'll put her money on an old sailor (9)
22 To be fastidious, put out the tin during the day (6)
23 Do they haunt the bar?
24 Encouraging lays? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Foreshadowed an empty decanter? (9)
2 Pale plant has appeal (9)
3 Appropriate wear at the card table (5)
5 First lady has the right - always (4)
6 Former Prime Minister emerged from the battle, entirely unruffled (6)
7 Gnarled fingers lock among the shades (6)
9 Crazy to put the chap in charge (5)
11 The songster has the right to put in a dirty bid (9)
12 CID are up at the end to wipe out (9)
15 Likely to scratch? (5)
16 Tout one's wares - on foot? (6)
17 First class fish not in prime condition (6)
20 Overflow the eastern incline (5)
21 Shock could be the finish of 16 across (4)



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EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

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This week's solutions

4	9	1	6	7	8	2	3	5
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Quick Crossword

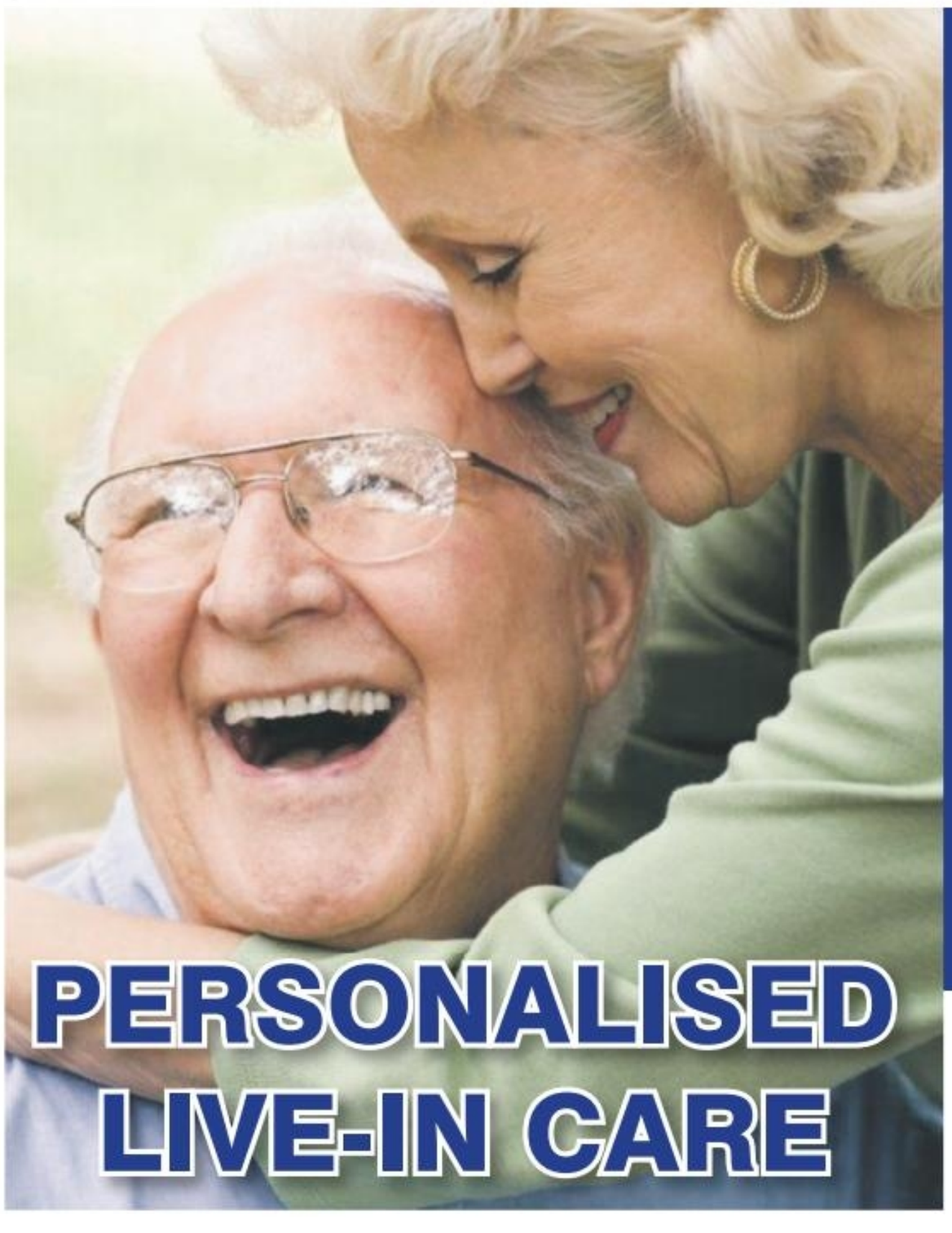
Across: 4 Permit 8 Career 9 Agenda 10 Persecute 11 Stop 13 Steed 14 Ulsters 16 Lecture 18 Ember 19 Ones 21 Consulate 22 Diadem 23 Lignite 24 Nestle

Down: 1 Gazetteer 2 Prospects 3 Leech 5 Edge 6 Minute 7 Tramps 9 Atoll 11 Stimulant 12 Orientate 15 Broom 16 London 17 Cedars 20 Astir 21 Cell

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Depart 8 Pompous 9 Mental 10 Street-car 11 Been 13 Angle 14 Millers 16 Peanuts 18 Acids 19 Edit 21 Shellback 22 Dainty 23 Spirits 24 Egging

Down: 1 Portended 2 Appellant 3 Suits 5 Ever 6 Attlee 7 Talons 9 Maniac 11 Blackbird 12 Eradicate 15 Itchy 16 Peddle 17 Ailing 20 Slope 21 Stun



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Saturday January 7th

BBC1

Casualty, 8.25pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Live Athletics – Great Edinburgh Cross Country** (S) **3.30 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.00 Final Score** (S) **5.20 BBC News** (S) **5.30 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.40 Celebrity Mastermind** (S) **6.10 Pointless Celebrities** (S)

DAYTIME

7
7.00 Let It Shine New series. Talent search to find five performers to play the role of a boy band in a new musical, featuring the music of Take That. (S)

8
8.25 Casualty Dylan becomes the source of gossip after Seb's allegation. (S)

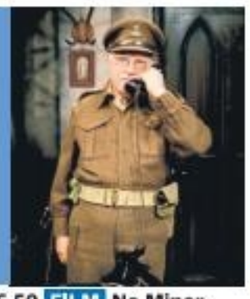
9
9.15 Taboo New series. Historical drama starring Tom Hardy. (S)

10
10.10 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights from the third round of the FA Cup. (S)

11

AFTER 12
12.00 FILM The Double (2011) (12) Spy thriller, starring Richard Gere. (S) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.40** BBC News (S)

BBC2



Dad's Army, 8.30pm

6.05 Coast (S)(R) **6.50 FILM No Minor Vices (1948) (U)** (S) **8.25 FILM Angels One Five (1953) (U)** (S) **10.00 Secret Britain** (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure** (S)(R) **1.00 Child Stars: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **1.35 FILM Cimarron (1960) (PG)** (S) **4.00 Mastermind** (S)(R) **4.30 University Challenge** (S)(R) **5.00 Only Connect** (S)(R) **5.30 The World's Most Extraordinary Homes** (S)(R) **6.30 Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise** (S)(R)

7.30 Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney Neil Oliver, Chris Packham, Andy Torbet and Shini Somara investigate recent archaeological finds. (S)(R)

8.30 Dad's Army Mainwaring tries to get equipment for the platoon. (S)(R)

9.00 Bowie: The Last Five Years (S)

10.30 FILM The Man Who Fell to Earth (1976) (18) An alien comes to Earth hoping to find a way to save his own world. Nicolas Roeg's sci-fi drama, starring David Bowie. (S)

12.45 FILM Walkabout (1971) (12) Drama, starring Jenny Agutter. (S) **2.20** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Ninja Warrior UK, 7pm

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Thunderbirds Are Go** (S) **10.00 Rebound** (S)(R) **11.00 Guess This House** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Shop Wars** (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.30 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **1.35 FILM Kindergarten Cop (1990) (12)** (S) **3.40 Morecambe and Wise's Funniest Moments** (S)(R) **5.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 You've Been Framed! Unchained!** (S)

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge. (S)

8.00 The Voice UK New series. The singing contest returns with new coaches Jennifer Hudson and Gavin Rossdale joining Will.i.am and Tom Jones. (S)

9.35 Through the Keyhole With Fearne Cotton, Will Mellor and Judge Rinder. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.45 FILM Jaws: The Revenge (1987) (15) Thriller sequel, starring Michael Caine, Lorraine Gary and Lance Guest. (S)

12.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

Britain's Favourite TV Detectives, 7.30pm

6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.20 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.20 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.15 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.45 A New Life in the Sun** (S)(R) **12.45 Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships** The opening day of the BDO World Championships. (S) **5.30 Speed with Guy Martin** The motorcycle racer competes in the Nevada Open Road Challenge. (S)(R)

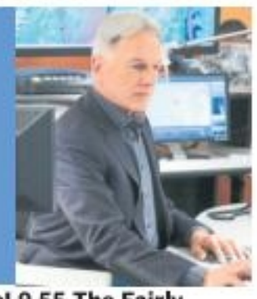
7.00 Channel 4 News (S)
7.30 Britain's Favourite TV Detectives Documentary charting Britain's love affair with TV detectives. (S)

9.00 FILM Ride Along (2014) (12) Premiere. Comedy, starring Ice Cube and Kevin Hart. (S)

10.55 FILM The Mechanic (2011) (15) A solitary hitman teaches his murdered mentor's son the tricks of the trade. Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham and Ben Foster. (S)

12.45 Derren Brown: Infamous (S)(R) **2.15** Hollyoaks (S) **4.20** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **5.05** Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) **5.20** The Restoration Man (S)(R)

Channel 5



NCIS, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 The Fairly OddParents Double bill. Mark Chang takes up his father's crown. (S)(R) **10.30 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **2.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **6.15 NCIS: Los Angeles** New series. The agents search for Hetty in Romania and stake out the Comescu beach house, hoping to confirm she is alive. Real-time episode, starring Chris O'Donnell. (S)

7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles The CEO of a software company is kidnapped. (S)

8.00 NCIS New series. The American crime drama returns as Gibbs fights for his life after being shot. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another. (S)

10.00 FILM Sex Tape (2014) (15) Premiere. Comedy, with Cameron Diaz and Jason Segel. Including 5 News Update at 11pm. (S)

11.50 Lip Sync Battle UK: Danny Dyer vs Craig Revel Horwood Actor Danny Dyer and dancer Craig Revel Horwood compete. (S)(R)

12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother (S)(R) **4.00** World's Strongest Man 2016 (S)(R) **4.50** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.15** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **6.20** Emmerdale **9.00** Coronation Street **11.55** Take Me Out Celebrity Special **12.55** Ninja Warrior UK **1.55** FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Family comedy prequel, starring Mark Addy. **2.55** FYI Daily **3.00** FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Concluded. **3.45** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Chris O'Donnell. **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Concluded. **5.25** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Concluded. **9.00** FILM: The Bourne Supremacy (2004) (12) Action thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon. **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** FILM: The Bourne Supremacy (2004) (12) Concluded. **11.15** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.40** Dads **2.05** Safeword **2.40** The Hot Desk: Caroline Flack **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Murder, She Wrote **8.15** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) **9.15** FYI Daily **9.20** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) Concluded. **11.15** Inspector Morse **6.05** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.05** Blue Murder **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Why the Industrial Revolution Happened Here **8.00** The Magic of Mushrooms **9.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **10.00** The Young Montalbano **11.50** An Evening with Sammy Davis Jr **12.50** Sammy Davis Jr: The Kid in the Middle **1.50** Sings the Great American Songbook **2.55** An Evening with Sammy Davis Jr **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **7.05** Suburgatory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Melissa & Joey **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** Black-ish **12.00** FILM: A Monster in Paris (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Vanessa Paradis. **1.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Speed (1994) (15) Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. **11.20** Gogglebox **1.30** Rude Tube: Welcome to 2017 **3.25** New Girl **4.10** Suburgatory **4.55** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.15** Jamie's Super Food **10.05** Come Dine with Me **12.50** FILM: Miracle on 34th Street (1947) (U) Christmas drama, starring Edmund Gwenn. **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Hunt for the Arctic Ghost Ship **9.00** Pearl Harbour: The New Evidence **10.00** The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2016 **12.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats: New Year Special **1.05** Father Ted **2.05** Hunt for the Arctic Ghost Ship **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) (U) Puppet adventure, with the voice of Shane Rimmer. **1.00** The Family Stone (2005) (PG) Festive comedy drama, with Sarah Jessica Parker. **3.05** Fast Girls (2012) (12) Sporting drama, with Lenora Crichlow and Lily James. **4.50** Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) (PG) Teen detective adventure, starring Nicholas Rowe. **7.00** Volcano (1997) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones. **9.00** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence. **11.45** Baskin (2015) (18) Premiere. Fantasy horror, starring Mehmet Cerrahoglu. **1.40** Wake in Fright (1971) (18) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Rocket City Rednecks **8.00** Deadliest Pests Down Under **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **11.55** Traffic Cops **1.00** Top Gear **2.00** QI XL **4.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **6.00** Taskmaster **7.00** Red Dwarf **9.00** QI XL **10.00** FILM: GoodFellas (1990) (18) Crime drama, with Ray Liotta, Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci. **12.50** QI XL **2.45** Suits **3.30** Live at the Electric **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** One Foot in the Grave **7.00** Inspector George Gently **9.00** Wallander **11.00** Waking the Dead **1.30** Shirley **2.55** Spooks **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Big Town Dance **7.00** Monkey Business **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** What's Up **12.00** Modern Family **2.30** Futurama **4.00** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Monkeys: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** FILM: SWAT (2003) (12) Action thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson and Colin Farrell. **11.15** A League of Their Own US Road Trip **12.15** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **1.15** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **2.15** Police Force: Australia **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The West Wing **11.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **2.00** FILM: Dinosaur 13 (2014) (PG) The true story of one of history's greatest dinosaur discoveries. **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.05** Marathon: The Patriots Day Bombing **1.20** The Wire **2.40** Girls **3.20** Without a Trace **4.10** The Petrol Age

W SKY: 109

6.10 Crisis **7.00** Traffic Cops **8.00** TBA **1.00** EastEnders **3.00** FILM: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994) (12) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **4.30** FILM: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey. **6.20** My Family **9.00** FILM: Black Hawk Down (2001) (15) Fact-based military drama, starring Josh Hartnett. **11.50** Traffic Cops **1.10** Believe **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Cheers **7.50** Open All Hours **10.30** Last of the Summer Wine **11.55** Only Fools and Horses **2.00** FILM: Dad's Army (1971) (U) British comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. **3.50** Still Open All Hours **5.50** Open All Hours **7.20** Still Open All Hours **8.00** We Have Been Watching **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **11.00** Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle **12.20** Eddie Izzard: Force Majeure **1.40** Time Trumpet with Armando Iannucci **2.35** Stella Street **2.55** Human Remains **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Football's Greatest Players **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League Legends **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Football Gold **12.00** The Fantasy Football Club **1.00** Football Gold **1.20** Live PRO12 Rugby Union. Ospreys v Connacht (kick-off 1.30pm). **3.40** TBA **5.50** Super Rugby Gold **6.00** NFL: America's Game **7.00** Great Sporting Moments **8.00** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **8.30** NFL: America's Game **9.30** Live NFL. Coverage of the opening wild card match (kick-off TBA). **1.00** Live NFL. **4.30** Premier League Legends **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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Sunday January 8th

BBC1

Still Open All Hours, 8.30pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 The Big Questions** (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Songs of Praise** (S) **1.50 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **2.35 Life in the Snow** (S)(R) **3.35 Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup** (S) **6.05 BBC News** (S) **6.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 Countryfile** (S)

7.30 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents a second visit to Tewkesbury Abbey in Gloucestershire. (S)

8.30 Still Open All Hours Eric, Cyril and Mr Newbold try to prove they can be exciting. (S)

9.00 Sherlock The detective faces a powerful new enemy who is seemingly unassailable, but who is concealing a terrible secret. Toby Jones guest stars as the villainous Culverton Smith. (S)

10.30 BBC News (S)
10.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)

11.00 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights A review of the latest third-round matches, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Aston Villa. (S)

AFTER 12

12.05 The Celebrity Apprentice USA (S) **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.35** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Dragons' Den, 8pm

6.10 A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **6.55 Big Dreams Small Spaces** (S)(R) **7.55 An Island Parish** (S)(R) **8.25 The Edible Garden** (S)(R) **8.55 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.55 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.25 The Good Cook** (S)(R) **11.55 Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food** (S)(R) **12.25 Richard Harris: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Cromwell (1970) (U)** (S) **3.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **4.15 Life in Polar Bear Town with Gordon Buchanan** (S)(R) **5.15 Yellowstone: The Wildest Winter** (S)(R) **6.15 Ski Sunday** (S)

7.00 School Swap: Korea Style Part one of two. Three teenagers swap life in Pembrokeshire to go to school in South Korea. (S)

8.00 Dragons' Den The panel casts judgment over the profit-making potential of inflatable igloos, and a new kind of pooper-scooper. Presented by Evan Davis. (S)

9.00 Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise Exploring Central Thailand, and revealing how the nation's people find spiritual fulfillment in their relationships with animals. (S)

10.00 FILM A Most Violent Year (2014) (15) Premiere. An immigrant in New York in 1981 struggles to keep his business going. Thriller, with Oscar Isaac and Jessica Chastain. (S)

ITV

Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera, 5.30pm

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 FILM Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG)** (S) **11.15 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **12.15 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.25 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **1.25 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **2.30 The Voice UK** (S)(R) **4.00 The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street vs Emmerdale** (S)(R) **5.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.15 ITV News** (S) **5.30 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera** (S) **6.30 Dance Dance Dance** (S)

8.00 Endeavour New series. The detective throws himself into his work following his recent loss, and investigates the suspicious death of a scientist. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Robson Crusoe: A Surprising Adventure Actor and presenter Robson Green fends for himself on a desert island. (S)(R)

11.10 Premiership Rugby Union Including highlights of Wasps v Leicester Tigers.

12.05 Jackpot247 3.00 Chopping Block (S)(R) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

The Big Fat Quiz of Everything, 11.20pm

6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.25 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships** The second day of the BDO World Championships. (S) **5.30 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien assess items including a clay pigeon trap. (S)(R) **6.15 Channel 4 News;** Weather (S) **6.30 Britain's Wildest Weather 2016** (S)

8.00 Walking the Americas New series. Levison Wood goes on a trek across Central America. The journey begins on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. (S)

9.00 FILM The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1 (2014) (12) Premiere. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Philip Seymour Hoffman. (S)

11.20 The Big Fat Quiz of Everything With Jonathan Ross, David Walliams, Katherine Ryan, Aisling Bea, Noel Fielding and Richard Ayoade. (S)(R)

1.25 How to Lose Weight Well (S)(R) **2.25** The Secret Life of 4 Year Olds (S)(R) **3.15** The Autistic Gardener (S)(R) **4.10** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **4.50** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

The BAFTA Britannia Awards 2016, 11.05pm

6.00 Milkshake! 7.45 Big Bash Cricket Live (S) **11.30 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3** (S)(R) **12.30 FILM Holy Man (1998) (PG)** (S) **2.35 FILM The Kid (2000) (PG)** Disney comedy, starring Bruce Willis. (S) **4.35 FILM Legally Blonde (2001) (12)** Comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon. (S) **6.25 FILM Along Came Polly (2004) (12)** Romantic comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. (S)

8.00 Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud Internet videos featuring kittens. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (S)

10.00 Celebrity Botched Up Bodies Leading surgeons repair household names damaged by cosmetic surgery. (S)

11.05 The BAFTA Britannia Awards 2016 Coverage of the movie awards ceremony, with Jodie Foster and Ricky Gervais among those receiving honours. (S)

1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 A New Life in Oz (S)(R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (S)(R) **4.50** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.15** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.40** Coronation Street **11.30** The Voice UK **1.00** 2Awesome: 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.40** 2Awesome: Side Effects **2.20** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.40** 2Awesome: LA Story **3.00** FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) Period fantasy, starring Emma Thompson. **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05** FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) Concluded. **5.00** Minion Madness **5.10** FILM: Despicable Me 2 (2013) (U) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Steve Carell. **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15** FILM: Despicable Me 2 (2013) (U) Concluded. **7.15** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Andrew Garfield. **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) (12) Concluded. **10.00** Family Guy **10.55** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Release the Hounds **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 George and Mildred **6.25** Where the Heart Is **8.25** Heartbeat **10.35** Murder, She Wrote **1.45** FILM: Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder (1978) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.55** Lewis **5.55** Midsomer Murders **8.00** This Time Next Year **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** Inspector Morse **12.50** A Touch of Frost **2.30** Wycliffe **3.30** May the Best House Win **5.15** You're Only Young Twice **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy **8.00** Sword, Musket & Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History **9.00** Horizon: The Trouble with Space Junk **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** FILM: Venus in Fur (2013) (15) Premiere. Drama, starring Emmanuelle Seigner and Mathieu Amalric. **12.00** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World **1.00** The Magic of Mushrooms **2.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **3.00** Boxing at the Movies: Kings of the Ring **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 How I Met Your Mother **6.45** Melissa & Joey **7.35** Baby Daddy **8.35** The Goldbergs **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** FILM: Catch That Kid (2004) (PG) Comedy adventure, starring Kristen Stewart. **1.50** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** The Big Band Theory: Hawking's 75th Birthday **7.30** The Big Bang Theory: Hawking's 75th Birthday **9.00** FILM: Bullet to the Head (2012) (15) Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. **10.50** Tattoo Fixers **11.55** Virtually Famous **12.45** Gogglebox **1.50** Rude Tube: Love Bytes **2.45** Rude Tube **3.15** New Girl **3.35** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.35** Four in a Bed **12.05** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Car SOS **9.00** Father Ted **10.00** Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game **11.05** The Great British Sex Survey **12.40** Car SOS **1.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) (PG) Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. **1.00** The Spy Next Door (2010) (PG) Comedy, starring Jackie Chan. **2.50** The Two Faces of January (2014) (12) Thriller, starring Viggo Mortensen. **4.45** Mission: Impossible (1996) (PG) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. **6.55** The Jane Austen Book Club (2007) (12) Romantic comedy, with Kathy Baker and Maria Bello. **9.00** The Railway Man (2013) (15) Fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman. **11.15** Jennifer's Body (2009) (15) Comedy horror, starring Megan Fox. **1.20** State and Main (2000) (15) Comedy, starring William H Macy. **3.35** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.05 MegaTruckers **8.00** Top Gear USA Special **9.00** Top Gear Botswana Special **10.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** Lizard Lick Towing **1.00** Jay Leno's Garage **2.00** Top Gear **4.00** FILM: The Dirty Dozen (1967) (12) Second World War action adventure, with Lee Marvin. **7.00** Top Gear USA Special **8.00** Top Gear Botswana Special **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Crackanory **11.40** Room 101 **12.20** Mock the Week **1.40** Crackanory **2.20** Suits **3.10** Live at the Electric **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **8.00** The Bill **12.00** Death Comes to Pemberley **4.00** Catherine Cookson's The Wingless Bird **7.00** The 39 Steps **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Spooks **1.50** Hattie **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Big Cats: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** Monkey Life **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Futurama **2.00** Modern Family **4.30** The Simpsons **5.00** The Big Spell **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Monkeys: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** The Force: Manchester **12.00** The Force: Essex **1.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **2.00** Police Force: Australia **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The West Wing **11.00** Without a Trace **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.30** The Affair **12.40** The Wire **1.50** Girls **3.00** The Affair **4.10** The Petrol Age

W SKY: 109

6.00 Crisis **7.00** Bondi Rescue **9.00** EastEnders **11.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **1.00** Traffic Cops **2.00** FILM: Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Anne Hathaway. **4.00** John Torode's Malaysian Adventure **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.20** FILM: The One (2001) (15) Futuristic martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jason Statham. **12.10** Traffic Cops **1.10** Believe **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Cheers **7.55** Open All Hours **9.15** FILM: Dad's Army (1971) (U) British comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. **11.10** Still Open All Hours **3.10** We Have Been Watching **4.05** Open All Hours **5.25** FILM: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994) (12) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **7.05** FILM: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey. **9.10** Gavin & Stacey **11.10** The Thick of It Special: The Rise of the Nutters **12.30** Bellamy's People **1.50** Time Trumpet with Armando Iannucci **2.35** Eddie Izzard: Force Majeure **3.50** Stella Street **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **6.45** Football League Gold **7.00** Football's Greatest Players **8.00** Premier League Legends **8.30** The Sunday Supplement **10.00** Goals on Sunday **1.00** Great Sporting Moments **2.00** Premier League Legends **3.00** Sporting Triumphs **3.30** NFL **5.30** Live NFL. Coverage of the third wild card match (kick-off TBA). **9.30** Live NFL. Coverage of the fourth and final wild card match (kick-off TBA). **1.30** Darts Gold **2.00** Premier League Years **4.00** Sporting Heroes: Graham Taylor Interviews Denis Law **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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All Night Long in Oxford

By James Richings

IT'S fair to say that Brendan Cole is a man in demand.

The 40-year-old dancer from New Zealand is fresh off our screens after appearing in the 14th series of 'Strictly Come Dancing', where he finished in sixth place alongside his celebrity partner Anastacia.

He has appeared in every series since the show's inception back in 2004.

But now, Brendan's attention is back focusing on touring around the country with Oxford being on his list.

However, even though he won't be appearing at The Oxford Playhouse until February 26, Brendan is a very popular man as his brand new show for 2017, 'All Night Long' tour is expected to be another sell-out affair.

And despite being one of the most popular dancers in the country, the entertainer insists that the nerves are still there when performing to thousands of people around the country.

"I don't really get nervous for Strictly as there isn't a lot of time to get nervous for the TV show," he said.

"You need to be in control of the situation.

"If you are not, what chance does your partner have?

"I will admit to being nervous on every opening night of my theatre productions (this will be my fourth).

"Such a huge amount of thought and time goes into putting a big show like this together and you want it to be perfect both for the audience and the cast."

The show is expected to be the Kiwi's most extravagant following the success of his previous two productions, License to Kill (2014) and A Night to Remember (2015 and 2016), with Brendan being joined with a 14-piece big band, many dancers and singers at the end of March.

And amazingly, if Brendan didn't make the decision to move to the UK at the age of 18, he knew he wouldn't have achieved the life he now has.

His breakthrough in dance arrived in 1996 when he and fellow ballroom dancer Camilla Dallerup were contestants on the BBC show Come Dancing as amateurs, before eventually becoming professionals on the programme.

The show was later changed to Strictly Come Dancing in 2004.

When talking about the show, Brendan said: "It is very much a team effort between myself and my cast.

"I will have certain ides as to how I want the show to form but it's important for me to have the cast involved.

• *Brendan Cole in action*

"I love the creativity that comes from that and it makes for a better show.

"Song choices are difficult, especially now as this will be my forth production.

I need to make sure there is something for everyone, old, new and in-between.

"There has to be excitement, beauty, emotion, character... so much goes into these decision.

"My wife Zoe, myself and my Musical Director spend many days, throwing around ideas and eventually we have ourselves a show list."

He then added: "I could have very easily stayed in New Zealand and created my life there but my dreams were bigger than that.

"I didn't know that it would necessarily be dance but I just knew I wanted more."

Tickets cost from £27 to £46.60 and it will start at 7.30pm.

Restless Wilf

LIVE MUSIC: Aylesbury-based cover band Restless Wilf are performing at the New Inn pub in Witney on Saturday, January 7.

The free gig in corn Street will feature a variety of covers ranging from rock and pop to reggae and ska.

It starts at 9pm.

Female Shakespeare

PLAY: A comedy production about how a woman is struggling to land the main roles in Shakespearian plays will be performed at the Burton Taylor Studios on Monday, January 9.

'To She or Not to She' looks at Emma Bentley's journey to land a major Shakespearian role like Hamlet or Macbeth but is struggling to do so due to her gender.

Suitable for over 14s, tickets cost £10. It starts at 7.30pm.

First county gig

LIVE MUSIC: Rock musician Rick Chase will do his first Oxfordshire gig of the year on Saturday, January 14 at The Romany Inn in Bampton.

He comes to the Bridge Street venue to perform hits by Queen, Bryan Adams, Gary Moore, Phil Lynott, Status Quo and many more.

The gig is free and it starts at 9pm.

ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

A real craic-er of a night out

By James Richings

ONE of the most popular musical films of recent years comes to Oxford next week telling the tale of a group of young Irish soul singers.

Based on the famous novel The Commitments by Roddy Doyle, Jimmy Rabbitte forms a Dublin based soul group in the mid 80s.

However, the creation of The Commitments occurs whilst the country is going through one of its worst ever recessions, as people all over Ireland are desperate to keep hold of their jobs with the economy in a dire state.

The idea to form a band to lift spirits is hatched but as time goes on it becomes a nightmare as personality clashes threaten to ruin the group's harmony.

"I've never performed at the New Theatre before and in actual fact, this will be my first time in Oxford altogether so I'm really looking forward to the experience," actor Brian Gilligan who plays Deco told the Guardian.

"As an actor, I hope to really feed off the energy from the audience because I want them leaving the show feeling entertained. This is really a cracking production because it's a play, musical and rock concert all in one - so they'll be going away with so much to talk about in just two hours."

Grossing nearly £15million worldwide, the movie was a critical smash as it was nominated for numerous awards, which included an Academy Award (Oscar), a Golden Globe award, and six British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA), with the flick winning five of the latter.

Brian added: "We've been on the road for three months now and we're having a splendid time.

"I've got a cracking part so it's great to be doing it again as the audience are just mental so it's great.

"I think the audience will hate my character (Deco) but love him at the same time. Deco is this arrogant singer as he wants to be a star because he knows how talented he is.

"But his attitude is something that effects the whole band as he rubs everyone the wrong way."

Eight performances will take place at the George Street venue and tickets cost from £15 to £55.50.

• A stage adaption of Roddy Doyle's 1987 novel, 'The Commitments' will be performed at the New Theatre in Oxford From Monday, January 9 to Saturday, January 14. (Photos by Johan Persson)

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Starting off 2017 in style

By James Richings

NEWBURY based-covers band Thickcut will be aiming to get your 2017 off to the perfect start.

The five-piece group made up of Steve Hubert on drums, bassist Paul Hunter, Nigel Mills and Andy Balcam on guitar and singer John McQuaker will be gigging at The Nag's Head in Abingdon tomorrow night.

The quintet arrive at The Bridge pub to perform tunes by Led Zeppelin, Thin Lizzy, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Whitesnake, ZZ Top and many more.

And guitarist Nigel hopes he can get everyone in the party mood as he believes audience interaction is one of the main elements to a perfect show.

He also hopes he and the rest of the group can inspire a younger generation of musicians with their gig tomorrow night.

"There's nothing quite as uplifting as the feeling of rocking out with a bunch of mates as it's an incredible release and adrenaline rush away from the day to day," he told the Guardian.

"To do that and then have a bunch of people sing along, dance and cheer is a tremendous thrill.

"And on Friday, the emphasis is on loads of energy, songs most people will know and, most importantly, plenty of opportunities for everyone to sing along and dance."

He added: "For my generation, music was all about actual people playing actual instruments," he said.

"As brilliant as that can be on record, it's so much more exciting when the musicians are actually playing those pieces live in front of you."

After a very successful 2016 gigging all over the south, Thickcut are already lined up to do seven gigs this year, with this number expected to increase rapidly.

But despite the fact their love for music has had to take a back seat in their lives as each member of the group has a day job, this doesn't stop them from producing high quality performances which see them gain more fans as each year passes.

"The band came together in the usual way – an open mic night here, a classified ad there.

"We're really lucky in that as well as being musically compatible, we're really good mates too.

The band's next gig in Abingdon is in March.

The free event starts at 9.30pm.

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North Wall Arts Centre, Oxford
SNOW WHITE AND OTHER TALES FROM THE BROTHERS GRIMM
Enter the magical world of the Brothers Grimm where straw can be spun into gold, the moon can be kidnapped, death can be bargained with and whatever you do, don't trust your parents. From the director of last year's raucous Treasure Island and 2014's freewheeling Wind in the Willows comes another eccentric Christmas treat for all the family.For the first time we'll be transforming The North Wall into a theatre in the round with the stalls arranged around circular tables so you can get up close with the action.

Fri, Jan 6, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
PILGRIM
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Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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Tue, Jan 10, 7.30pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
OPEN MIC NIGHT
Brighten up your Tuesday evening at our Open Mic night at Nourish. We are constantly impressed by the number of amazing musicians and artists in the area and by the warmth of the audience. You may even spot, or be, the next big thing.

Tue, Jan 10 – Wed, Jan 11
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
HEARTBEATS AND ALGORITHMS
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Thu, Jan 12, 8pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
OXJAMS
The Oxford Jazz Masters Series returns to celebrate 20 years of scorching contemporary jazz at the Burton Taylor Studio. The trio have recently released a new CD, Suite of Dreams, that Downtown Music Gallery, New York described as having "a calm, careful and often haunting quality to the music that I dig". Featuring: George Haslam on saxophone, clarinet and tárogató, Richard Leigh Harris on

piano, and Steve Kershaw on double bass. With special guests to be announced.

Fri, Jan 13, 8pm
North Wall Arts Centre, Oxford
GEORGE MONBIOT & EWAN MCLENNAN
The celebrated columnist and political/environmental campaigner George Monbiot joins forces with leading folk singer Ewan McLennan for a unique collaboration in words and music.
The venture originated in an article about the personal and social effects of loneliness that George wrote which immediately went viral. He and Ewan subsequently extended the ideas in the article into a series of songs that together make up a new album, Breaking The Spell of Loneliness.

Fri, Jan 13, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse,
JOZ NORRIS & MARNEY GODDEN
Cult comedy idiots Joz Norries and Marney Godden bring their 2016 Edinburgh shows to Oxford. Members of the two-time Chortle

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Sat, Jan 14, 11am
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Sat, Jan 14, 11am and 2pm
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Sat, Jan 14, 7.30pm
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Sat, Jan 14, 7.30pm
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Tue, Jan 17, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
AN EVENING WITH AGGERS AND TUFFS
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New Shogun ready to take on anything

By **Anthony Yates**

THE Shogun has always been aimed at the true off-road driver who demanded a comprehensively equipped, reliable and cost-effective vehicle with a proven track record of all-wheel-drive ability that is also able to offer the classic off-road function with the added benefit of a go-anywhere four-wheel-drive system.

Well, the updated version of Mitsubishi Shogun is all that and those key Shogun styling cues that underline its tough and authentic off-road ability can be easily distinguished by its bold front grille, flared wheel arches and rear-mounted spare wheel.

Power and Efficiency:

Powered by a bombproof turbocharged four-cylinder, 16-valve DOHC common rail diesel engine that is able to produce 187bhp and 441Nm of torque. Top speed also comes in at around 112mph - and when you consider its gross weight is around 3030kg, it will still return 30.4mpg (combined).

On the road:

Mitsubishi has put in a lot of effort into the updated Shogun chassis which is now stiffer, robust and more dynamic thanks to the double wishbone front and multi-link rear suspension configuration which is perfect for those tough off-road conditions that the Shogun will be subjected too.

Of course, the Shogun will spend most of its life on the muddy stuff which is where it is more at home, so I expected it to be really good off road and I was not disappointed. The last model I tested suffered with lack of brake-pedal feel – and Mitsubishi seem to have taken notice of this and have fitted bigger brakes across the range with the five-door Shogun now being equipped with 332mm front and rear ventilated disc brakes. They have also used four-pot calipers on the front which help give you more pedal feel on the road, while the rear discs use two-pot calipers.

Design & Technology:

You have to remember that the Shogun is a working machine and not 'a Chelsea tractor'. Owners of the Shogun will take it off road and will use it to cart around their family and pretty much anything they can throw in the back, which is why the interior is made to bear the brunt of all that.

But, for some, it may feel a little barren on the inside, but in its defence it's actually really functional and comes with an array of equipment such as twin front, side and curtain airbags, ABS anti-lock brakes with EBD electronic brake-force distribution on all models.

There is also a seven-inch colour touch-screen display with integrated audio including a DAB radio and on-board navigation.

Plus, the SG3, SG4 and SG5 LWB models are fitted with a 12-speaker Rockford Fosgate™ Premium Sound System as standard along with Mitsubishi's M-ASTC safety system, which regulates vehicle attitude to prevent skidding as a result of sudden steering inputs or loss of traction on a slippery surface, which is also fitted as standard across the whole Shogun range.

• Mitsubishi Shogun LWB 3.2 DI - DC - SG5

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2011	Audi	A6	3.0 Tdi Quattro Se	Sa	A	59K	Black	£14,989
2013	Volvo	V70	D5 Se Lux	Est	S/A	57k	Bronze	£14,489
2014	Nissan	Qashqai	Acenta Premium Dig-T	Hbk	M	12k	Grey	£14,389
2015	Mini	Hatch	Cooper D	Hbk	M	28K	Blue	£13,350
2015	Vauxhall	Insignia	Sri Vx-Line Cdti Ecoflex S/S	Est	M	27K	White	£13,289
2015	Vauxhall	Insignia	Sri Nav Vx-Line Cdti	Hbk	A	33k	Grey	£12,987
2011	Audi	Tt	Tdi Quattro Sport	Coupe	M	50k	Black	£12,290
2016	Ford	Focus	Zetec Nav	Hbk	M	9k	Blue	£11,789
2014	Volvo	S60	D2 Business Edition	Sa	M	38k	Blue	£11,789
2013	Volvo	V40	D2 Se	Hbk	M	22K	White	£11,789
2013	Mazda	6	D Se	Est	M	31K	Grey	£11,750
2015	Toyota	Avensis	Valvematic Icon Business Edition	Est	M	27k	White	£11,689
2012	Audi	A3	Tdi Sport	Hbk	M	36K	Silver	£10,490
2013	Mazda	6	D Se-L Nav	Sa	M	64K	Red	£10,450
2014	Skoda	Octavia	Elegance Tdi Cr	Hbk	M	48k	Red	£10,349
2015	Ford	C-Max	Zetec	Mpv	M	30K	Silver	£9,990
2013	Audi	A1	Sportback Tdi Sport	Hbk	M	65K	White	£9,989
2014	Nissan	Juke	Tekna	Hbk	M	41K	White	£9,987
2015	Ford	Focus	Zetec	Hbk	M	21k	White	£9,847
2016	Hyundai	I20	Gdi Premium Se	Hbk	M	10K	White	£9,749
2011	Audi	A1	Tfsi Sport	Hbk	M	30K	Blue	£9,448
2011	VW	Eos	Se Tsi	Conv	M	35k	Silver	£9,390
2012	VW	Passat	Bluemotion Tdi	Est	M	53K	Grey	£8,789
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2011	VW	Golf	Match Tdi Dsg	Hbk	A	31K	Blue	£8,289
2011	VW	Golf	Match Tdi	Hbk	M	46k	Silver	£8,275
2014	Ford	Fiesta	Ecoboost Titanium 100 Bhp	Hbk	M	32k	Grey	£8,147
2015	Ford	Fiesta	Zetec	Hbk	M	11K	Yellow	£7,989
2012	Mini	Hatch	Cooper	Hbk	M	32K	Red	£7,987
2014	Ford	Fiesta	Ecoboost Titanium 100 Bhp	Hbk	M	32k	Blue	£7,789
2014	Nissan	Note	Acenta Premium	Mpv	M	16K	Red	£7,589
2015	Vauxhall	Corsa	Excite Ac	Hbk	M	1k	Black	£7,490
2013	Vauxhall	Astra	Energy	Hbk	M	17k	Silver	£7,489
2011	Ford	Mondeo	Zetec	Hbk	M	29k	Silver	£7,489
2015	Citroen	C3	Puretech Vtr Plus	Hbk	M	2K	Grey	£6,995
2014	VW	Caddy	C20 Tdi Startline	Van	M	44K	White	£6,790
2013	Peugeot	208	Access Plus	Hbk	M	25k	White	£6,290
2012	Peugeot	308	Hdi Active	Hbk	M	30K	Black	£6,287
2012	Fiat	500	Lounge	Hbk	M	16K	White	£5,995
2013	Vauxhall	Combo	2000 L1h1 Cdti	Van	M	48K	White	£5,990
2012	Skoda	Fabia	Monte Carlo Tsi	Hbk	M	38K	Red	£5,989
2014	Nissan	Micra	Visia	Hbk	M	17K	White	£5,290
2011	Alfa	Mito	8V Progression	Hbk	M	49K	Black	£4,390
2013	Fiat	Punto	Easy	Hbk	M	56K	Grey	£4,170
2013	VW	Up	Take Up	Hbk	M	47k	Red	£3,990
2009	Saab	9-3	Dt Vector Sport	Sa	M	85K	Black	£3,490
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2014	BMW	3 Series	335D Xdrive M Sport Pro Media	Sa	A	64k	Blue	£22,990	2007	BMW	6 Series	630I Sport	Cpe	A	77k	Blue	£9,995	2012	Citroen	C3	E-Hdi Exclusive Airdream	Hbk	M	24k	Black	£6,580
2012	Audi	A8	Tdi Quattro Se Executive	Sa	A	65k	Black	£18,695	2010	BMW	1 Series	118D M Sport	Conv	M	42k	Blue	£9,995	2013	Skoda	Roomster	Se Tsi	Mpv	M	39k	Blue	£6,560
2013	BMW	3 Series	320D Efficientdynamics Bus Touring	Est	A	19k	Blue	£17,990	2011	Audi	A3	Tdi Sport	Conv	M	61k	Blue	£9,990	2008	Nissan	Qashqai	Tekna	Hbk	M	57k	Grey	£6,550
2012	Mercedes	E-Class	E220 CDI Blueefficiency Sport	Cpe	A	38k	Alu/Sil	£16,490	2014	Ford	Focus	Zetec	Hbk	M	20k	Alu/Sil	£9,795	2014	Ford	Fiesta	Zetec	Hbk	M	53k	Blue	£6,495
2011	BMW	5 Series	530D M Sport Touring	Est	A	75k	Blue	£16,450	2013	Kia	Carens	2 Ecodynamics Crdi	Mpv	M	53k	Alu/Sil	£9,650	2011	Citroen	C3	Picasso Exclusive Hdi	Mpv	M	39k	Alu/Sil	£6,460
2015	Kia	Optima	Crdi 3	Sa	A	18k	White	£15,995	2012	BMW	1 Series	120D Se	Hbk	M	76k	White	£9,650	2013	Nissan	Note	N-Tec Plus Dci	Mpv	M	49k	Black	£6,460
2014	Mazda	6	D Sport Nav	Sa	A	27k	Blue	£14,995	2011	Nissan	Qashqai	N-Tec Dci	Hbk	M	44k	Grey	£9,560	2010	Skoda	Octavia	Elegance Tdi Cr	Hbk	M	73k	Grey	£6,450
2013	Ford	S-Max	Titanium Tdci	Mpv	M	31k	Black	£14,500	2014	Seat	Leon	Tsi Se Technology	Hbk	M	35k	White	£9,450	2010	VW	Polo	Se	Hbk	M	36k	Alu/Sil	£6,450
2013	Audi	A4	Avant Tdi Se Technik	Est	M	35k	Alu/Sil	£14,450	2015	Hyundai	I30	Se Blue Drive	Hbk	M	17k	White	£9,360	2013	Ford	Fiesta	Titanium EConvetic Tdci	Hbk	M	64k	Alu/Sil	£6,450
2013	Mazda	Cx-5	D Sport Nav	Est	M	65k	Blue	£13,995	2013	Hyundai	I30	Crdi Style Nav Blue Drive	Est	M	43k	Blue	£9,200	2014	Fiat	Punto	Easy	Hbk	M	12k	Blue	£6,350
2013	Kia	Sportage	Crdi 3 Sat Nav	Est	M	42k	Alu/Sil	£13,995	2012	Renault	Scenic	Grand Dynamique TT Energy Dci	Mpv	M	40k	Bronze	£8,995	2011	Skoda	Fabia	Scout Tdi Cr	Est	M	62k	Alu/Sil	£6,350
2014	Vauxhall	Cascada	Elite Cdti S/S	Conv	M	35k	Red	£13,450	2015	Vauxhall	Astra	Sri	Hbk	M	17k	Black	£8,995	2009	Mini	Hatch	Cooper D	Hbk	M	44k	Alu/Sil	£6,250
2014	BMW	1 Series	116D Efficientdynamics Bus Nav	Hbk	M	26k	Black	£13,379	2013	VW	Golf	S Tdi Bluemotion Technology	Hbk	M	38k	Black	£8,950	2013	VW	Up	High Up	Hbk	M	39k	Blue	£6,250
2013	Mazda	6	D Sport	Est	M	51k	Blue	£12,995	2013	Ford	Focus	Titanium X Tdci	Est	M	60k	White	£8,750	2010	Audi	A3	Tdi Sport	Hbk	M	119k	Black	£6,250
2012	BMW	3 Series	320D Efficientdynamics	Sa	M	73k	Grey	£12,690	2013	Ford	Focus	Zetec EConvetic Tdci	Est	M	38k	Blue	£8,650	2013	Vauxhall	Corsa	Energy Ac Cdti Ecoflex	Hbk	M	33k	White	£6,095
2014	Audi	A1	Tdi Sport	Hbk	M	16k	Blue	£12,450	2013	Toyota	Auris	Sport Valvematic	Hbk	M	34k	Black	£8,575	2013	Vauxhall	Corsa	Limited Edition	Hbk	M	37k	Yellow	£5,995
2013	Audi	A3	Tdi Se	Hbk	M	18k	White	£12,450	2012	Nissan	Juke	Acenta	Hbk	M	32k	White	£8,450	2014	Vauxhall	Corsa	Sxi Ac	Hbk	M	32k	Black	£5,995
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2013	Lexus	Ct	200H Luxury	Hbk	A	40k	Alu/Sil	£12,395	2012	Audi	A3	Tdi Sport	Hbk	M	71k	Black	£8,450	2012	Fiat	500	Lounge	Hbk	M	21k	White	£5,995
2014	Audi	A1	Sportback Tfsi Sport	Hbk	M	27k	Blue	£12,150	2014	Vauxhall	Astra	Excite	Hbk	M	11k	Black	£8,350	2010	Ford	Fiesta	Zetec 16V	Hbk	M	36k	Red	£5,995
2013	Ford	C-Max	Titanium X	Mpv	M	27k	Blue	£11,995	2015	Nissan	Note	Acenta Premium	Mpv	M	19k	White	£8,260	2012	Ford	Focus	Zetec Tdci	Est	M	96k	Grey	£5,990
2013	VW	Golf	S Tsi	Conv	M	25k	Alu/Sil	£11,995	2013	Mini	Hatch	One	Hbk	M	14k	Blue	£8,250	2012	Ford	Mondeo	Edge Tdci	Est	M	120k	Alu/Sil	£5,950
2012	VW	Tiguan	Se Tdi Bluemotion Technology 4M	4X4	M	57k	Blue	£11,995	2012	VW	Golf	Gt Tdi Bluemotion Technology	Hbk	M	86k	Grey	£8,250	2012	VW	Up	High Up	Hbk	M	37k	White	£5,850
2012	Audi	A3	Tdi	Conv	M	37k	Black	£11,895	2015	Vauxhall	Corsa	Se Ecoflex	Hbk	M	14k	Alu/Sil	£8,200	2010	Toyota	Auris	Sr Valvematic	Hbk	M	34k	Alu/Sil	£5,850
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2013	BMW	1 Series	116D Se	Hbk	M	20k	Black	£11,695	2012	Citroen	Ds4	Thp Dsport	Hbk	M	33k	White	£7,995	2014	Seat	Mii	Toca	Hbk	M	11k	Alu/Sil	£5,640
2011	Audi	A1	Tfsi S Line	Hbk	M	31k	White	£11,650	2012	Hyundai	I40	Crdi Style Blue Drive	Sa	M	58k	Red	£7,995	2013	Skoda	Citigo	Elegance Greentech	Hbk	M	31k	Sil	£5,590
2009	Audi	Tt	Tdi Quattro	Cpe	M	50k	Red	£11,450	2013	VW	Golf	Se Tdi Bluemotion Technology	Hbk	M	105k	Blue	£7,995	2011	Ford	Fiesta	Zetec 16V	Hbk	M	53k	Sil	£5,450
2011	VW	Scirocco	Gt Tdi 170	Cpe	M	44k	Blue	£11,350	2014	Honda	Jazz	I-Vtec Es Plus	Hbk	M	31k	Grey	£7,990	2010	Ford	Fiesta	Titanium	Hbk	M	52k	Black	£5,450
2012	VW	Passat	Se Tdi Bluemotion Technology	Est	M	33k	Grey	£11,295	2013	Ford	Focus	Zetec + Appearance Pack	Hbk	M	34k	Alu/Sil	£7,990	2013	VW	Up	Move Up Bluemotion Technology	Hbk	M	23k	Black	£5,295
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2013	Ford	Mondeo	Titanium X Business Edition Tdci	Hbk	M	46k	Sil	£11,250	2011	Skoda	Superb	Elegance Tsi	Est	M	70k	Black	£7,990	2006	Toyota	Rav-4	Xt4 Vvt-I	4X4	M	61k	Blue	£5,250
2013	VW	Golf	Se Tdi Bluemotion Technology	Hbk	M	27k	White	£11,250	2014	Nissan	Note	Dci Acenta	Mpv	M	29k	Black	£7,925	2012	Renault	Clio	Dynamique Tomtom 16V	Hbk	M	30k	Red	£5,250
2013	Volvo	V40	D2 R-Design	Hbk	M	57k	Black	£10,995	2014	Nissan	Note	Acenta	Mpv	M	27k	Red	£7,790	2011	Mazda	2	Tomura	Hbk	M	52k	Maroon	£5,160
2015	Hyundai	I30	Crdi Se Blue Drive	Est	M	9k	Sil	£10,995	2014	Ford	Fiesta	Zetec	Hbk	M	36k	Blue	£7,790	2010	Ford	Fiesta	Edge	Hbk	M	41k	Green	£4,995
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2013	Honda	Civic	I-Dtec Ex	Hbk	M	24k	Blue	£10,990	2012	Peugeot	208	Ice Velvet	Hbk	M	20k	White	£7,650	2012	Renault	Clio	Expression Plus Dci	Hbk	M	49k	Alu/Sil	£4,750
2015	Ford	Focus	Zetec	Hbk	M	10k	Alu/Sil	£10,990	2010	VW	Golf	Match Tdi	Hbk	M	47k	Blue	£7,650	2013	Fiat	Panda	Easy	Hbk	M	36k	Red	£4,525
2011	Kia	Sportage	Crdi 2	Est	M	40k	Brown	£10,890	2011	Ford	C-Max	Zetec Tdci	Mpv	M	46k	Alu/Sil	£7,490	2010	Hyundai	I20	Comfort Crdi	Hbk	M	5k	Blue	£4,450
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2014	Mini	Hatch	Cooper Chilli	Hbk	M	16k	Red	£10,550	2012	Vauxhall	Meriva	Se	Mpv	M	15k	Blue	£6,995	2007	Toyota	Yaris	Sr	Hbk	M	32k	Black	£4,250
2012	Mini	ClubM	Cooper Sd	Est	M	67k	Red	£10,450	2013	Vauxhall	Astra	Exclusiv Cdti Ecoflex S/S	Est	M	32k	Blue	£6,995	2013	Chevrolet	Spark	Ltz	Hbk	M	47k	Alu/Sil	£4,200
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2014	VW	Golf	S Tsi Bluemotion Technology	Hbk	M	31k	Blue	£10,350	2010	Peugeot	308	Cc Sport Hdi	Conv	M	28k	Sil	£6,875	2008	Vw	Polo	Match	Hbk	M	63k	Grey	£3,995
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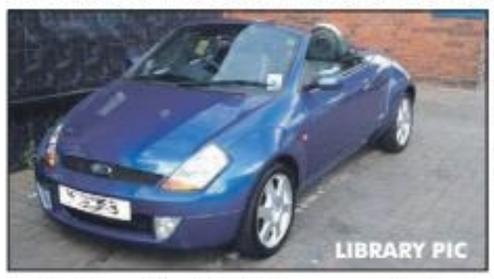

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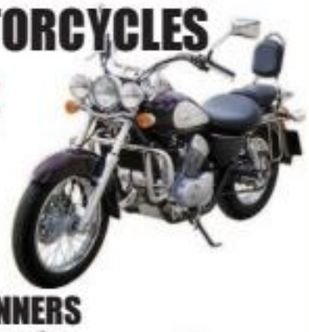

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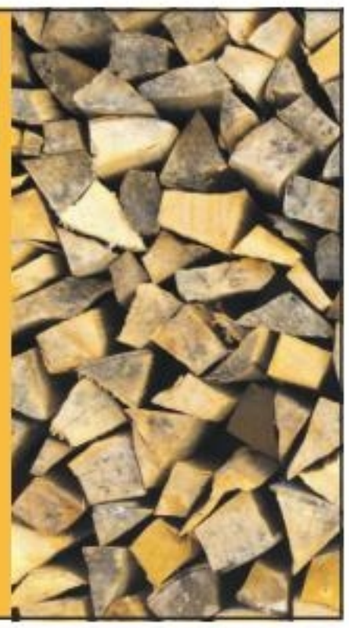

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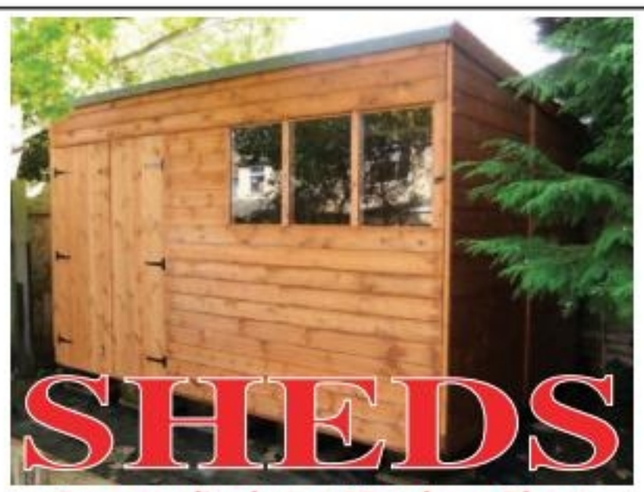

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Pepperell voices concerns over proposal for golfing world tour

By George Welch

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell has voiced his concerns over talk of radically overhauling the golfing world by creating a single 'World Tour'.

A new World Tour would create a new body above the PGA, European and Challenge tours that would see all players visit all corners of the globe governed by a body similar to the ATP World Tour in tennis.

The Frilford Heath club member wrote on his blog that he is "yet to be persuaded" that a golfing World Tour would be beneficial for the game as a whole.

Supporters of a World Tour, such as Gary Player and Pepperell's manager, argue that, commercially, it makes sense to condense the golfing world into a smaller, more attractive sphere of talent, where every time golf is shown on television, it has a bigger impact due to the golfers on show.

The 25-year-old said: "I can see the argument – let's put on bigger and better events, take the world's best golfers to all corners of the globe and lay on a show like nobody has seen in golf before."

Pepperell, who has a keen interest in the workings of the economy, accepts that it is also more likely to attract large corporations that would want to be involved in that style of coverage.

Despite accepting the potential benefits of a broader tour, the Abingdon man believes a World Tour would fail to benefit the game as a whole and points to the earning potential of professional golfers to demonstrate his argument.

He said: "The wonderful thing about golf as it is currently, is that you can have a player ranked 200 in the world, and still earn a very good living.

"If you contrast this with tennis and the ATP Tour, it's incomparable.

"A player ranked 200 in the world of tennis is unlikely to earn anywhere near the amount of money a golfer would. I see this as a huge plus for golf."

With the workings of the economy at the forefront of his mind, he says this is also good as more taxation helps governments offer more societal support and potentially grant sporting organisations more money.

He said: "Take me, for example. I decided to give my Frilford Heath sponsorship money away in 2016 and again in 2017.

"In 2016, that money helped fund 52 new junior golfers have coaching.

"And, in 2017, that money will be put into local primary schools, with the help of the Golf Foundation, so that more young kids who didn't have access to golf, now will.

"This isn't about me being generous, this is about me being able to be generous. This is a tremendous offshoot in golf."

• Eddie Pepperell opposes the idea of a golfing world tour

Sceptical in his analysis of a World Tour, he fears job losses, less wealth distribution throughout the game and a less trickle-down effect of wealth into local communities due to being less money earned across the board.

He said: "So who benefits from a new World Tour? The answer; the top players, and that's probably about it.

"We may create bigger and better spectacles for golf to showcase its attractiveness for sure.

"And we would have huge purses for players to compete for.

"But would that offset all of the negatives? Again, I'm not convinced."

Saints to launch pre-season training at weekend session

• Oxford Saints celebrate September's play-off win (Photo by Jamie Stancombe)

BAFANL Division 2 South West Conference 2016 champions Oxford Saints will begin their 2017 pre-season training with their annual team combine on Sunday.

The event for both rookies and veterans alike is being held at the state-of-the-art 4G dome at the Oxford Academy between 11.45am and 3pm.

The sessions are for the senior team and are open to men and women aged 18 and over. There is also a dedicated women's team for those aged 17 and over.

Players will be divided into groups and rotated through various stations, each designed to assess skills for American Football, including shuttles, jumps, dashes and bench presses.

The session is not considered a 'try out' for the team, as the Saints look to accommodate players of all types and abilities, the club said.

But it will serve as a chance for coaching staff to evaluate the squad, observe player attitudes and identify areas for improvement.

The 2017 Division 1 season dates are yet to be confirmed but the new campaign will get under way in April.

The Saints capped off an unbeaten 2016 season when they were crowned Division 2 champions after a 24-2 play-off final win against Cambridge Cats in Leeds last September.

International Clark re-signs

OXFORD RL have announced the re-signing of Ireland international Clark McAllister ahead of the 2017 season.

The 25-year-old centre or winger from Banbridge, County Down, who joins for his second season at Oxford, has ambitions to capture a place in the Irish squad for the 2017 World Cup.

Head coach Tim Rumford said: "Clark made a good start last season but was unfortunate in that injury kept him sidelined just as he was hitting form.

"His attitude and work ethic is top notch so we are confident that he'll get back on his game swiftly."

McAllister said he was delighted to re-sign for the club for another season.

"I settled in well at the club last season, there are some good people there and great spirit in the squad", he added.

"It's a real feel-good environment with positive attitudes and that's what I need to be in to reach my ambitions."

Chris Baxter, assistant coach, said: "I am really pleased that Clark's staying with us, he's demonstrated the right attitude and shown promise and potential last year when he got a good run of games.

"Hard work and commitment is what Clark's got ahead of him to achieve his goals. We're looking forward to helping him push on to new levels."

McAllister was drawn into rugby league thanks to his PE teacher at Banbridge High School, who got him along to Portadown to play for their rugby league team.

Oxford's Kingstone Press League 1 campaign begins on March 5 at home to Hemel Stags and they visit London Broncos in a pre-season match on January 21.

• Clark McAllister in action for Oxford (Picture courtesy of @Oxford_RL)

Honours even in local derby

THE points were shared on derby day as North Leigh and Didcot Town could not be separated on Bank Holiday Monday.

Hosts North Leigh fell behind within five minutes before heading into the break ahead in a hectic first half between the Evo-Stik League Southern Division 1 South & West rivals.

Diddy scored shortly after the hour to rescue a point in a match where both mid-table sides needed maximum points.

The Railwaymen took the lead on four minutes when Louis Joyce tapped in from close range.

The visitors continued to press forward and the hosts had keeper Manny Agboola to thank for keeping them in the game as he produced a great stop to deny James Organ.

With Didcot unable to add to their tally, they found themselves pegged back and, unable to clear their lines from a corner, Leigh midfielder Lance Williams bundled the ball into the net to give North Leigh an equaliser against the run of play on 25 minutes.

And the Millers took the lead seven minutes later when a controversially awarded free-kick was converted by Jamie Cook from eight yards.

Diddy regrouped in the second half and looked to push forward in search of an equalising goal but Leigh were a constant threat on the break.

Agboola continued his fine form in the Millers goal by denying Declan Benjamin and Callum McNish.

But Town got their rewards as Sam Elkins struck a free kick in off the post on 67 minutes.

Both sides could have easily scored a winner late on but they had to settle for a share of the points.

Also over the Christmas period, Didcot overcame other local rivals Wantage Town 3-1 on Boxing Day. The Freds are now bottom of the table.

After falling behind to a 19th minute Mark Francis strike, Diddy fired back in the second half through Joyce, Nick Thorne and a Ben Whitehead penalty to secure the points.

North Leigh are now winless in six matches in all competitions after they also drew 3-3 at Swindon Supermarine on Boxing Day.

Despite first half goals from George Seacole and Bradley Gray, Leigh trailed 3-2 at the break and only scraped a point when Roger James headed in an injury time equaliser.

Didcot host second placed Tiverton Town while North Leigh travel to fourth placed Salisbury on Saturday.

Jones continues winning start with three victories

By George Welch

• Goal scorer Reece Fleet celebrates with striker Jefferson Louis in Oxford City's 2-1 win at home to St Albans (Picture by Michael Allen)

OXFORD City caretaker boss Mark Jones enjoyed his Christmas as the Hoops made it three wins out of three under his stewardship.

After winning his first game in charge 1-0 at home to Eastbourne on December 17, City beat high-flying St Albans on Boxing Day and New Year's Day to maintain Jones's 100 per cent record.

The Hoops won a Christmas cracker 4-2 at second placed St Albans in Jones's first away match, before completing the double over the Hertfordshire side 2-1 at Court Place Farm to make it a winning start to 2017.

In the Boxing Day fixture at Clarence Park, City raced to a shock 3-0 lead by 25 minutes through strikes from James Roberts, Jefferson Louis and Reece Fleet.

But the visitors nearly sacrificed their lead when the vastly experienced 41-year-old forward Jamie Cureton – whose career boasts more than 800 games and 300 goals – fired twice to make it 3-2 at half-time.

But the points were to come back to Oxfordshire when Louis – a veteran striker himself at 37-years-old and 26 clubs to his name - curled nonchalantly inside the near post on 67 minutes.

Less than a week later and the Hoops were celebrating another win against the promotion-chasing Saints, this time at a sodden Court Place Farm.

Jones's side took another early lead when Fleet bagged his second in as many games from a partial clearance.

Cureton again rolled back the years to equalise seven minutes into the second half when he finished well past the advancing Ty Belford.

The visitors' elation was relatively short-lived however, as, six minutes later, a low cross from Louis deflected to Stéphane Ngamvoulou for an easy finish and the three points.

The Hoops sit in 13th place in the National League South, 12 points off the play-offs and eight above the relegation zone.

Jones, who takes his side to 16th place Truro City on Saturday, said after the win: "It was tricky conditions out there today and I thought the players coped very well.

"There is no doubt it was a great three points for us today and a good achievement to beat St Albans twice over the Christmas period."

Banbury close in on play-offs after beating league leaders

BANBURY United extended their unbeaten run to five matches as their charge on the Southern League Premier Division play-offs develops momentum.

The Puritans enjoyed an unbeaten Christmas to leave Mike Ford's side two places and five points off the promotion places with a game in hand.

On Boxing Day, United earned a deserved point at seventh place Redditch United before beating table-toppers Leamington in dramatic fashion at home on Monday.

Banbury won it with virtually the last kick of the game as Mark Bell netted from close range to snatch the three points against the league-leaders.

It was a game of few chances in which a draw would have been a fair result, but Ford's men have now won four of their last five matches, conceding just one goal in the process.

Leamington were unlucky not to go ahead shortly after the restart when a long ball forward fell nicely for Courtney Baker-Richardson, but the forward could only strike the woodwork.

• Marvin Martin in action for Banbury in the 1-0 win against Leamington (Picture by B.A. Barson Photography)

United enjoyed their best spell of the match on the hour mark and, just as it looked like the game would peter out for a goalless draw, Bell scored to secure a magnificent win late on.

The winner came when Zac McEachran crossed low into the centre where the incoming Bell bundled the ball into the back of the net.

Banbury look to extend their run when they travel to Dorchester Town on Saturday.

Christmas nightmare as Kiddy let in 10 goals

IT was a Christmas to forget for Kidlington who shipped 10 goals in two defeats that sees them slip to 18th in the league.

The Southern League Division One Central side were clearly suffering from a Christmas hangover when they lost 6-0 at mid-table Beaconsfield SYCOB on Boxing Day before losing 4-3 at home to third-bottom Aylesbury United.

The Greens lost to Aylesbury on Bank Holiday Monday despite Anaclet Odhiambo netting a hat-trick at Yarnton Road Stadium.

After taking the lead in only the second minute through Odhiambo's first goal of the afternoon via the near post, Kidlington found themselves 3-1 down at the break after Aylesbury scored three unanswered goals before half time.

Odhiambo bagged his second five minutes into the second half, again off the post, to reduce the arrears but the Ducks took full advantage of a lack in concentration in the Kiddy back line to double their advantage again on the hour.

Odhiambo secured his hat-trick in the final minutes, but it was not enough to save any points for Julian McCalmon's side.

Beaconsfield won their seventh of what is now an eight straight winning streak in Boxing Day's thrashing against Kiddy.

The Rams were 1-0 up at half time through Guri Demuria before the floodgates opened in the second period. Charlie Losasso, Aaron Berry, a Callum Bunting brace and another Demuria strike completed the route for the Buckinghamshire side who, despite their incredible form, only sit in 10th.

The action from U's festive games

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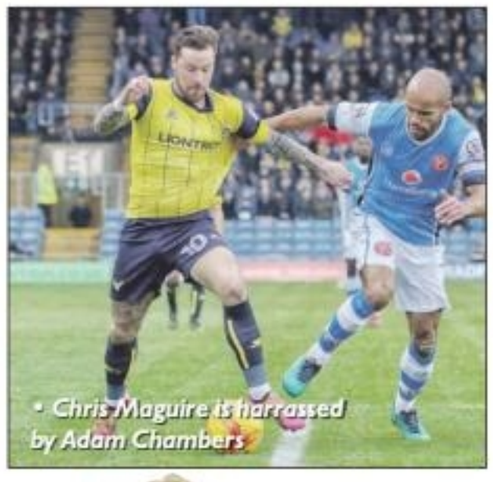
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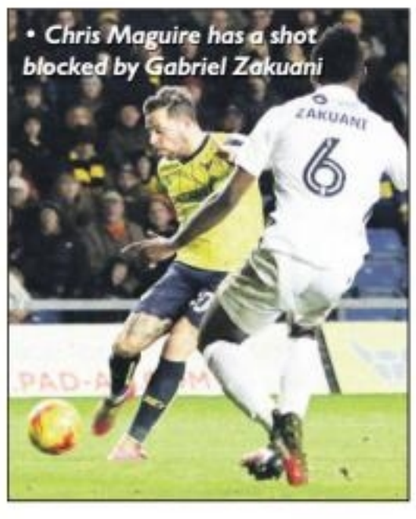
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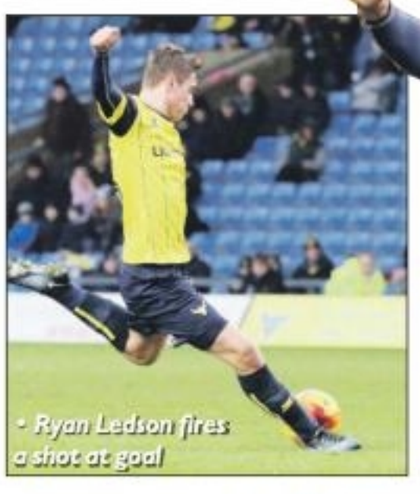
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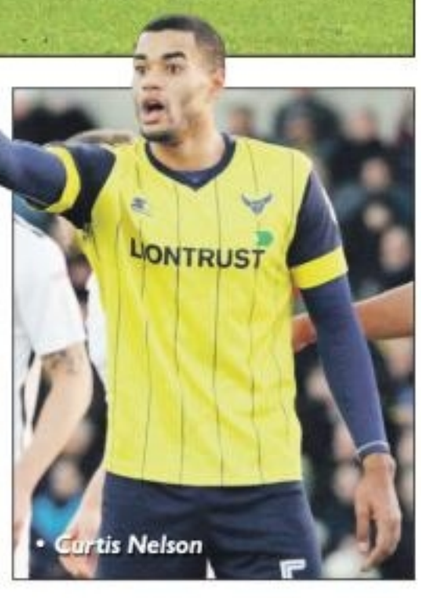
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United extend Raglan's stay, Giles goes on loan

By George Welch

WITH the January transfer window now open, Oxford United have extended defender Charlie Raglan's loan period, while winger Jonny Giles has gone out on loan.

Raglan has had his loan deal from League One rivals Chesterfield stretched out until the end of the season.

The 23-year-old centre back has made 10 appearances for the U's since arriving and the extension includes FA Cup games, making him eligible for the trip to Rotherham on Saturday.

Raglan played and was booked for Chesterfield against Oxford at the Kassam Stadium in the first game of the season before he joined on loan.

Head coach Michael Appleton said Raglan had "done well for us".

The defender added: "I have enjoyed my time here. It's a good club, the players, management and fans have been great with me and I'm more than happy to stay, fight for my place."

Meanwhile, United winger Giles has joined Aldershot Town on loan until the end of the season. The 22-year-old spent the first half of the season on loan at neighbours Oxford City.

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Dunkley secures a winning 2017 start

By George Welch

OXFORD United made a winning start to 2017 with a 1-0 victory at Gillingham on Bank Holiday Monday.

A second-half finish from imposing centre back Chey Dunkley made it the best possible start to the new year in a result that marked the end for Gills boss Justin Edinburgh.

The Kent club finished ninth in Sky-Bet League One last year but are 10 points off the play-offs this term after 25 games of the campaign.

And the club's hierarchy ran out of patience when, on 66 minutes, United top scorer Chris Maguire crossed low from the byline to Dunkley, who would have done well to miss from six yards out, to secure the points for the visitors.

Gillingham possessed a powerful attacking unit as Frank Nouble and Jay Emmanuel-Thomas were a handful for Curtis Nelson and Dunkley, but other than a comfortable catch from a Nouble drive, Simon Eastwood was not forced into a save until the second half.

United lacked a cutting edge but took the lead shortly after the hour from a short corner.

Once Dunkley had smashed Oxford into the lead in front of 1,200 travelling fans, the hosts were reduced to 10 men when Deji Oshilaja was sent off 14 minutes from time after picking up a second yellow card for a foul on Ryan Taylor.

Gillingham	0
Oxford United	1

• *Defender Chey Dunkley scores the winner for Oxford United against Gillingham (Picture courtesy of @OUFCOfficial)*

But the Gills still almost equalised five minutes from time when an overhead kick from defender Baily Cargill, who had scored a smart goal to claim a point for Gillingham at Peterborough United on Boxing Day, flew narrowly over the bar.

Despite starting the New Year in winning fashion, it was a goal-shy festive period for United with Dunkley's winner at Gillingham the club's only goal in three matches as the Yellows picked up four points over Christmas.

The U's fired a blank as they suffered stoppage-time heartbreak when Northampton Town snatched a dramatic victory in front of a sell-out 11,790 crowd at the Kassam Stadium.

Marc Richards struck late for the Cobblers in the 1-0 win.

And United's first meeting with Walsall for 16 years ended in anti-climatic, uninspiring goalless draw, also at the Kassam, on Saturday.

Oxford have now lost just once in 11 games in all competitions and sit in 12th place in League One, six points off the play-offs.

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LCXN144P	Japanese - beginners B	22/02/2017	19:00	21:00	Cheney School	Wednesday	15	£153.00	£91.80
LCXN111P	Introduction to British Sign Language	16/01/2017	13:30	15:30	The Union	Monday	10	£94.00	£56.40
LCAN111P	Introduction to British Sign Language	16/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	10	£94.00	£56.40
LCWN111P	Lipreading	17/01/2017	14:00	16:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	10	£94.00	£56.40
LCKN108P	Lipreading	19/01/2017	10:30	12:30	Kidlington Adult Learning	Thursday	10	£94.00	£56.40
LCXM562P	Lipreading	19/01/2017	14:00	15:30	NOA Centre, Summertown	Thursday	10	£70.00	£42.00
LCXN393P	German - beginners A	17/01/2017	17:30	18:30	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Tuesday	10	£52.00	£31.20
LCXN006P	Italian - higher intermediate B	18/01/2017	10:00	12:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Wednesday	10	£104.00	£62.40

LEARNING FOR WELLBEING

ZCGM081P	Yoga - mixed ability	16/01/2017	19:00	20:30	Grove Adult Learning	Monday	10	£70.00	£42.00
ZCGM084P	Yoga club	19/01/2017	10:00	11:30	Hanney War Memorial Hall	Thursday	10	£70.00	£42.00
ZCBM091P	Posturecise - beginners	24/01/2017	10:00	11:00	Glyme Hall	Tuesday	10	£47.00	£28.20
ZCRM091P	Exercise to Music - mixed ability	26/01/2017	10:00	11:00	Didcot Conservative Club	Thursday	10	£47.00	£28.20
ZCRM092P	Exercise to Music - mixed ability	27/01/2017	09:30	10:30	Didcot Conservative Club	Friday	9	£43.00	£25.80
ZCKN083P	Movement for health & wellbeing	31/01/2017	19:00	20:30	Kidlington Adult Learning	Tuesday	9	£64.00	£38.40
ZCXN145P	Movement for health & wellbeing	01/02/2017	19:00	20:30	Cheney School	Wednesday	9	£64.00	£38.40
ZCKN162P	Movement for health & wellbeing	02/02/2017	19:00	20:30	Kidlington Adult Learning	Thursday	9	£64.00	£38.40
ZCKN146P	Movement for health & wellbeing	04/02/2017	10:00	12:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Saturday	1	£14.00	£8.40
ZCKN147P	Movement for health & wellbeing	04/02/2017	13:00	15:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Saturday	1	£14.00	£8.40
ZCGM063P	Restorative Yoga	27/02/2017	18:00	19:00	Grove Adult Learning	Monday	5	£24.00	£14.40

LEARNING FOR WORK

ZCKN012P	Award in Food Safety and Catering - Level 2	30/01/2017	09:30	16:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Monday	1	£70.00	£42.00
XSWN557P	Microsoft Excel - beginners	02/02/2017	17:30	20:30	Witney Campus	Thursday	2	£99.00	N/A
XPAN510P	Food Safety in Catering CIEH - Level 2 Award	11/02/2017	09:00	17:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	1	£38.00	£10.00
XSAM500P	Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care - Level 1	21/02/2017	09:30	12:30	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	8	£180.00	N/A
XSAN602P	Team Leading Essentials	22/02/2017	09:00	16:30	Abingdon Campus	Wednesday	1	£110.00	N/A
XSAM415P	17th Edition Wiring Regulations (3rd Amend)	25/02/2017	08:30	17:00	Abingdon Campus	Sat & Mon	1	£480.00	N/A
ZCGN014P	Award in Food Safety and Catering - Level 2	27/02/2017	09:30	16:00	Grove Adult Learning	Monday	1	£70.00	£42.00

LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY

ZCGN016P	Family history	31/01/2017	10:00	12:00	Grove Adult Learning	Tuesday	5	£52.25	£33.45
ZCKN028P	Genealogy - beginners	04/02/2017	10:00	16:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Saturday	1	£41.00	£24.60

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COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME	CAMPUS	DAY	WEEKS	FEE	REDUCED FEE
PCAN064P	Music Technology - beginners	28/01/2017	10:00	14:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	3	£80.00	£48.00
PCAM607P	Song Therapy - mixed ability	31/01/2017	12:45	13:30	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	8	£29.00	£17.40

PHOTOGRAPHY

PCKN002P	Digital DSLR Photography - stage 5	23/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Monday	10	£104.00	£62.40
PCKM245P	Digital DSLR Photography - stage 2	24/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Tuesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
PCXM246P	Digital DSLR Photography - stage 2	25/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Wednesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
PCBN209P	Practical DSLR Photography - introduction	21/01/2017	10:00	16:00	Elizabeth Melvin Photography	Saturday	1	£41.00	£24.60
PCAN216P	Practical DSLR Photography - stage 2	23/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	10	£94.00	£56.40
PCBN215P	Digital DSLR Photography - stage 2	24/01/2017	19:00	21:00	Cooper School Bicester	Tuesday	10	£94.00	£56.40
PCKN003P	Digital DSLR Photography - stage 5	26/01/2017	10:00	12:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Thursday	10	£104.00	£62.40
PPAM101P	NCFE Certificate in Photography - Level 2	20/02/2017	18:30	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	14	£300.00	£37.00

SPORT / FITNESS

ZCXN204P	Walking to running - new year new you	19/01/2017	10:30	12:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Thursday	5	£35.00	£21.00
ZCAN197P	Circuit Training - beginners	19/01/2017	17:45	18:45	Abingdon Campus	Thursday	5	£24.00	£14.40

TEACHER TRAINING

CSAN104P	Award in Education & Training - Level 3	10/01/2017	18:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	10	£384.00	N/A
XSXN600P	Training Essentials	19/01/2017	09:00	16:30	The Union	Thursday	1	£110.00	N/A

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